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HAL airport to reopen before 2033?

K'taka urges BIAL to issue NOC for commercial flights

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Amid Karnataka's push for a second greenfield airport in Bengaluru, plans are underway to reopen the HAL airport for commercial flights before May 2033, when the exclusivity agreement with the Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) expires.

The agreement bars any airport from operating within a 150-km radius of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). The HAL airport is located in the core city area and was Bengaluru's main airport from 1941 until 2008. At the moment, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) operates small non-commercial flights, including for VVIPs, from the airport.

A recent meeting involving the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and BIAL discussed plans to expand and reopen the HAL airport.

The HAL Airport in Bengaluru. DH FILE PHOTO

SECOND CHANCE

AAI, Ministry of Civil Aviation, HAL and BIAL recently discussed plans to expand and reopen HAL airport

- K'taka govt has told BIAL that it would bear any losses incurred in reopening
- As part of a 10-year master plan, the AAI has proposed to demolish the existing terminal in 2030 and start building a new one
- As per the plan, the new airport terminal will be expanded in phases

Karnataka Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh has urged BIAL to issue a no-objection certificate (NOC) to allow commercial flights at the HAL airport, assuring that the state government would bear any losses incurred, a senior AAI official told *DH*.

Bangalore South MP L S Tejasvi Surya said Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu is "extremely enthusiastic" about the initiative to reopen the HAL airport for commercial flights.

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Hosur airport location

TN Chief Minister M K Stalin on Thursday announced that his government has identified a location in Krishnagiri district to build an airport for Hosur, located just outside Bengaluru. The government has set in motion the process of acquiring land.
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From Feb 2026, metro fares to rise by up to 5% every year

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Starting February 2026, Namma Metro fares will increase by up to 5% every year, according to the Fare Fixation Committee (FFC), whose report has just been made public.

The annual automatic fare revision will further impact metro passengers, who are already upset after the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) hiked ticket prices by up to 71.43% in February 2025.

That was BMRCL's first fare hike since June 2017.

Maha CM flays renaming plan

Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis has flayed CM Siddaramaiah's assurance to rename the upcoming Namma Metro station in Shivaji Nagar after St Mary.

The BMRCL had increased the fares after accepting the FFC's report in toto, whose recommendations are binding on it under the Metro Railways (Operations and Maintenance) Act, 2002.

The FFC submitted its report on December 16, 2024. It had three members and was headed by Justice (retired) R Tharani.

The BMRCL had sought a hike of 105.15%, or 14.02% year-on-year, before discounts. This translated to a minimum fare of Rs 21 and a maximum of Rs 123. Prior to that, the fares were Rs 10 and Rs 60, respectively.

However, the committee recommended a hike of 51.5%, or 6.87% year-on-year, before discounts. Accordingly, the minimum fare is now Rs 10 and the maximum Rs 90.

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Nepal's Gen Z protesters want Parliament dissolved

Say Constitution should be amended; ex-CJ front-runner for top job

Army personnel keep vigil in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Thursday. PTI

KATHMANDU, AGENCIES

Nepal's youth-led Gen Z group on Thursday said that Parliament must be dissolved and the Constitution should be amended to reflect the will of the people, even as deadlock over the selection of an interim head to run the Nepal government continued on Thursday.

Former Chief Justice Sushila Karki

Sushila Karki, 73, who was the first woman to be appointed Nepal's chief justice and is now retired, is the front-runner to become interim leader.

Kathmandu Mayor Balendra Shah, former CEO of Nepal Electricity Authority Kulman Ghising and Mayor of Dharan Harka Sampang are the other names being considered. Some activists expressed support for Karki, while others pitched for Ghising.

As parleys for a transitional government continued, the situation in Kathmandu and other parts remained peaceful, with the army patrolling sensitive areas. The Supreme Court and banks are set to open in Kathmandu with the relaxation in curfew.

The death toll from two days of violent protests that began on Monday has increased to 34, officials said.

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ON THE BOIL

- Mayors Balendra Shah & Harka Sampang, former CEO of Nepal Electricity Authority Kulman Ghising also in running for top job
- Mayor Shah has reportedly expressed support for Karki; Some activists support Karki, others pitch for Ghising
- Situation in Kathmandu and other parts peaceful; army carries out patrolling in sensitive areas

Jayadeva plans satellite hosps in 5 B'luru city corporations

BENGALURU, DHNS: Government-run Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research (SJICSR) plans to open satellite hospitals in all five municipal corporations coming under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

Addressing a press conference here on Thursday, the institute's new Director Dr Dinesh B said people from across Karnataka and other states come to Jayadeva for heart care. "I will be submitting proposals to the minister on opening satellite hospitals because one hospital is not enough to treat all patients. We will also expand the OPD and hire additional staff."

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NEW STINT P 7

Radhakrishnan to take oath as VP today

Vice President-elect CP Radhakrishnan is set to be sworn in on Friday, with President Droupadi Murmu administering him the oath of office in an official ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Opposition leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge are among the invitees for the event. One of his first official engagements will be a meeting with Rajya Sabha floor leaders. Sources said Radhakrishnan has invited all leaders for the meeting.

GUV POWER P 7

Can't sit idle if democracy's wing fails: SC

The Supreme Court, as the custodian of the Constitution, can't remain powerless and be forced to sit idle if one of the wings of the democracy fails in discharging its duties, a five-judge bench of the apex court observed on Thursday during the 10th day of hearing in the Presidential reference plea. The court reserved its judgment after wrapping up the hearing following detailed submissions by the Union government.

US HORROR P 12

Trump ally shot dead, cops find rifle

Charlie Kirk, a conservative activist and close ally of President Donald Trump, was shot dead at a Utah college event by an unidentified gunman. Investigators said on Thursday they had found the bolt-action rifle they believed was used to kill Kirk and released images of a person of interest as they searched for the shooter they described as college age. Trump described the incident as "a dark moment for America".

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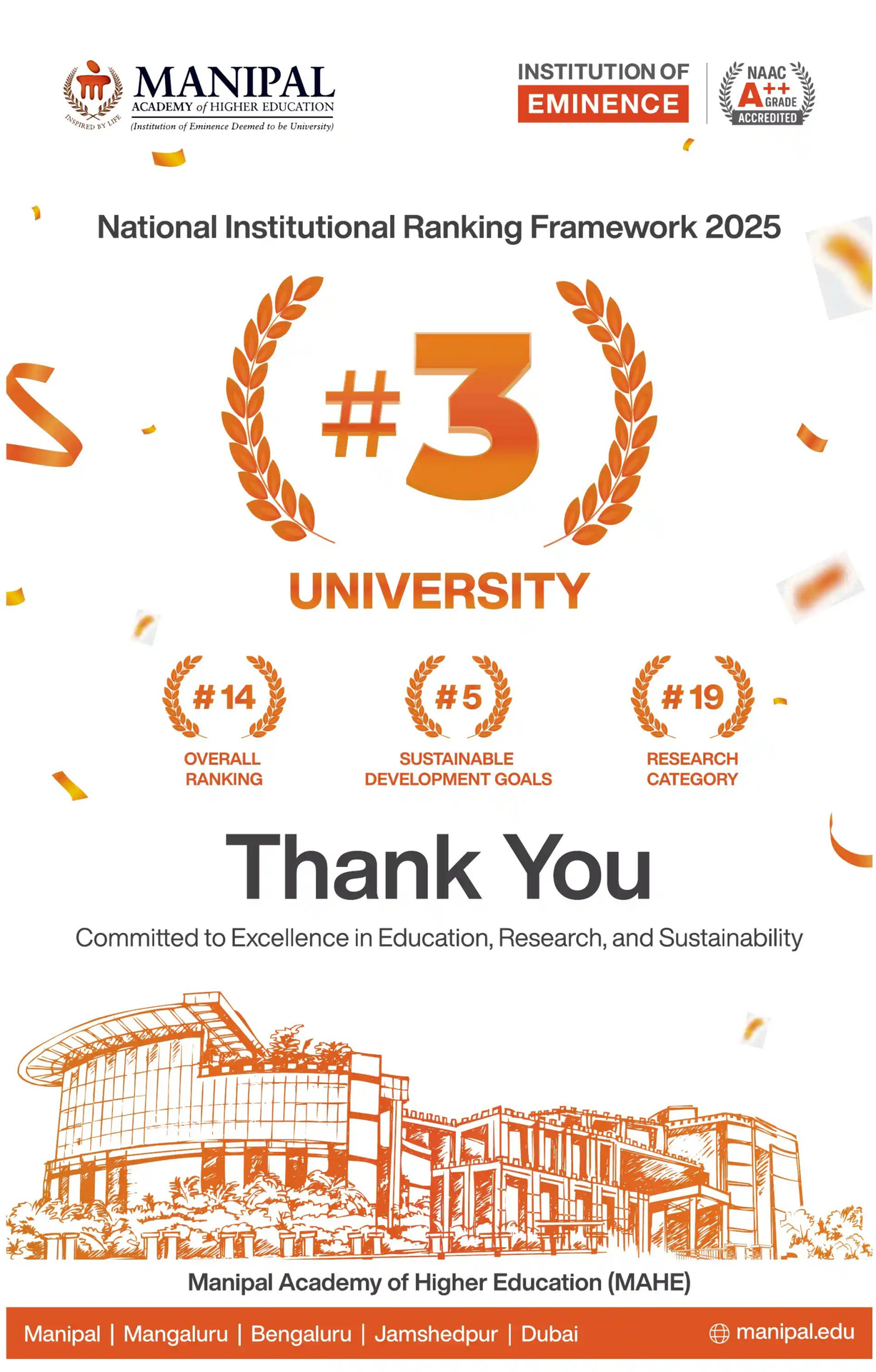
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SC order clears the way for lake development

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Supreme Court has vacated its earlier status quo order on Garvebhavipalya Lake, allowing the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) to take over and develop the 17-acre waterbody in Hongasandra, Bommanahalli assembly constituency.

The case, pending since 2020, was settled on September 4, 2025, clearing legal hurdles for the rejuvenation of the lake.

Meanwhile, at Kempambudi Lake in Bengaluru North taluk, officials have reclaimed 15 guntas of encroached land and included it within the 47-acre lake boundary after a survey was conducted in July 2024.

Art Park to honour Rumale's legacy on 115th birth anniversary

BENGALURU, DHNS: The 87th edition of Art Park will mark the 115th birth anniversary of watercolourist Rumale Chennabasaviah on Sunday at Rumale Art House, Rajajinagar.

Art Park, a volunteer-run initiative, brings artists and the community together.

About 25 artists, including Anuradha Singh, Ashok U, Makali K, Lakshmi Badami and Shan Re, will participate. Kannada filmmaker and actor Suresh Heblikar will be the chief guest. Visitors can also watch live painting in Rumale's signature plein air style, capturing nature directly from the surroundings.

Often called the 'Indian Van Gogh', Rumale captured Bengaluru and Karnataka's landscapes, nature, and architecture in vibrant, large-scale works.

Founded by him in 1973, Rumale Art House houses around 70 of his paintings.

For more information, visit @artpark_bengaluru.

Warden held for supplying drugs in prison

BENGALURU, DHNS: A jail warden at the Central Prison, Parappana Agrahara, has been arrested for supplying illicit drugs to undertrial prisoners and convicts.

Kallapa, who worked the night shift, was allegedly providing tobacco products and narcotics to inmates. About 100 grams of hashish oil was seized from him.

"We are investigating as to who supplied him the drugs and to which barracks he was delivering it," a police officer said.

Kallappa joined the prison department in 2018 under the ex-servicemen quota.

On September 7 evening, when he reported for duty, CISF personnel at the entry gate checked him and found tobacco products and hashish oil in his pockets.

Govt clears GBA's Rs 147-crore scheme to counter air pollution

Received allocation in 2023-24, which has now been revised

Fund allocations

- Road infrastructure: **Rs 30.5 cr**
- BSWML: **Rs 25 cr**
- Climate Action Cell: **Rs 30 cr**
- Horticulture: **Rs 30 cr**
- Bescom: **21.90 cr**
- BMTC: **Rs 10 cr**

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

The state government has approved a revised Rs 147.40-crore action plan for Bengaluru under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), allocated in 2023–24.

From developing new parks in the Byatarayanapura, Mahadevapura and Yelahanka assembly constituencies to installing electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, the action plan aims to tackle air pollution in the city.

The plan had been drawn up by the now-dissolved Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) as part of the 15th Finance Commission's fourth tranche of funding. The grant will be shared by different departments, including Bescom, BMTC and BSWML.

The government approved the plans a month after the civic body sent the revised proposal in August.

So far, Bengaluru has received Rs 115.50 crore in 2023–24, Rs 122.25 crore in 2024–25, and Rs 124.50 crore in 2025–26 under this programme.

Further, the city received special grants of Rs 31.90 crore for 2023–24 and Rs 211.41 crore for 2024–25.

While approving the action plan of Rs 147-crore, the government acknowledged a delay in implementing the works previously approved under this programme. It urged the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) to ensure faster implementation.

The revised plan includes developing traffic junctions in the Gandhinagar, Hebbal, Malleswaram and Pulakeshinagar divisions, and footpaths near the Iblur metro station, Dinnur Main Road, and Shampura Main Road.

The Bangalore Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has received Rs 25 crore for the scientific closure of the Bagalur landfill for reducing air pollution and fire hazards.

The Horticulture Department received Rs 30 crore for the development of new parks in Byatarayanapura, Mahadevapura, Yeshwanthpur, Bommanahalli and Yelahanka.

Despite having the least number of parks, the KR Puram constituency does not feature in the list.

The Climate Action Cell, now part of the GBA, plans to utilise Rs 30 crore to enhance green cover and improve footpaths in HSR Layout, Agara Lake, Sarakki, Hennur-Kacharakanahalli Lake, and HBR Layout, among others.

While Bescom has proposed to use Rs 21.90 crore to install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations for public use, the BMTC will spend Rs 10 crore for setting up EV charging infrastructure to support its electric bus fleet.

Bescom to launch fully online grievance redressal system

Aims to roll out dedicated portal & mobile application in three months

SNEHA RAMESH
BENGALURU, DHNS

Citizens will soon be spared trips to multiple offices for power complaints, with Bescom set to digitalise the Customer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF).

The new system will allow consumers to file complaints, track progress, and appeal at the district or corporate level entirely online.

Citizens often complain that their grievances have not been addressed and that they are made to run from one office to another.

Currently, grievances must be filed in person at the subdivision and district offices, with unresolved cases escalated to the corporate office.

"The new system will make the complete process online, eliminating the need to visit offices. Consumers can file the grievances online and check the status. If they not satisfied with the resolution or if there is no resolution, they can appeal to the district or corporate office. All of this will be online," a senior official from the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company's (Bescom) customer service department explained.

The official said the system will also introduce automatic escalation if complaints remain unresolved within the specified timeframe. Subdivision offices must resolve issues within 45 days, district CGRF within 60 days, and corporate-level CGRF within 30 days.

"All proceedings will be saved online, and if grievances are not resolved within the stipulated time, they will automatically escalate to the next level," the official explained.

From billing discrepancies to delays in power supply, complaints frequently reach the CGRF. The online system is expected to improve transparency, efficiency, and consumer convenience. Bescom aims to roll out the dedicated portal and mobile application within three months.

Several vehicles and electricity poles were damaged as trees came crashing down following gusty winds and rain in Rajajinagar 4th Block on Wednesday night.
DH PHOTO/KISHOR KUMAR BOLAR

Waterlogged roads, fallen trees paralyse morning commute

BENGALURU, DHNS: An overnight downpour threw Thursday morning traffic out of gear, with vehicles crawling slower than walking speed on several stretches.

Waterlogging and pothole-ridden roads choked high-density corridors, especially the Outer Ring Road and Hosur Road. Motorists complained of severe snarls at Hennur–Bagalur Road, Hebbal, Kasturi Nagar and Horamavu. Veerasandra Signal in Electronics City turned into a pond, holding traffic for hours. Many said it took hours to cover short distances on Hosur Road.

Traffic came to a grinding halt in parts of Thanisandra Road, Chalukya Junction, Rayasandra Junction, Marathahalli, and Varthur–Gunjur. More than a dozen vehicles broke down in waterlogged areas, worsening the chaos.

Trees collapse

The downpour also triggered tree falls across the city. Branches and uprooted trees were reported in Jayanagar, Chamarajapet, Kamakshipalya and CV Raman Nagar, damaging several parked vehicles.

In Rajajinagar, two houses were damaged after a large tree collapsed on them around 3 am. Residents escaped unhurt.

HC quashes road rage case involving IAF officer after parties resolve dispute

BENGALURU, DHNS

The High Court of Karnataka has quashed criminal proceedings related to a road rage incident involving IAF officer Wing Commander Shiladitya Bose, his wife Madhumita Dutta, and SJ Vikas Kumar, a call centre employee.

Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum gave the ruling after the parties showed their willingness to give a quietus to the dispute.

The case pertains to an incident of road rage that occurred on the morning of April 21 near Gopalan Grand Mall, off Old Madras Road, in eastern Bengaluru.

The incident came to light after the wing commander uploaded a video claiming that he was attacked by Kumar. While the police arrested Kumar, investigations conducted with the help of CCTV footage revealed that it was Bose who had attacked Kumar. After his release on bail, Kumar filed a counter-complaint against Bose for attempted murder and other offences.

The case attracted considerable attention and sparked a debate on the relations between locals and migrants in Bengaluru, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah commenting on the matter.

Bose and Kumar moved the high court challenging the proceedings.

At the hearing, Kumar acknowledged that the incident arose out of road rage, resulting only in verbal exchanges. He categorically stated that except for the verbal altercation, neither did any physical assault take place nor did he suffer any injury and that he is inclined to put an end to the dispute.

On the other side, Madhumita, the complainant in the case against Kumar, also said that it was only a verbal altercation. It was further stated that the matter has been amicably resolved with the intervention of well-wishers and that she has decided to withdraw all allegations made in her complaint.

The court perused the affidavits filed by the parties in both petitions.

It noted that in one of the cases, an offence of attempted murder is invoked (Section 109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita), which is a non-compoundable offence. However, the voluntary statement of the complainant that he sustained no injuries and his willingness to resolve the dispute persuaded it to exercise the inherent jurisdiction.

"This court has also kept in mind the fact that one of the accused is a serving Air Force officer, who would otherwise be compelled to face criminal proceedings for the aforesaid offences despite the matter being trivial and settled. With regard to the statements of the complainants, the voluntary withdrawal of allegations, and the absence of any injury, this court is satisfied that both petitions deserve to be allowed," Justice Magadum said.

"It is made clear that both parties are strictly warned not to indulge in such incidents in the future."

NGT pulls up govt over Hebbal–Silk Board tunnel plan

BENGALURU, DHNS: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued notices to the state government and other agencies after admitting an application alleging serious violations in Bengaluru's proposed tunnel road project.

The plea, filed by Bengaluru Prajna Vedike, Dattatreya Devare and Kathyayini Chamaraj, said the "hastily announced" tunnel was not backed by the Comprehensive Mobility Plan-2020 and lacked technical assessment. They sought to have the project declared unlawful.

In May 2025, the state approved construction of a 16.74-km twin-tube tunnel from Hebbal to Silk Board at an estimated cost of Rs 19,000 crore. The petition described the plan as "politically driven" and alleged it was pushed forward despite two failed expressions of interest, later retrofitted into a feasibility study through "procedural manoeuvring".

The applicants said the detailed project report contained factual errors and omitted key studies, including site-specific geological surveys, hydrological mapping, and flood-risk assessments. They said although the alignment passes through ecologically sensitive zones like Lalbagh, Hebbal Valley's stormwater corridor and near Peenya Industrial Area, no impact assessment was done.

"The respondents bypassed the mandatory Environment Impact Assessment (EIA), ignored public consultation, and relied on a technicality that tunnels are not explicitly listed under the EIA notification, 2006, to evade clearance," the plea stated.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Institution of Agricultural Technologists: Discussion on the free trade agreement and its impact on Indian agriculture; MG Balakrishna, HK Shivakumar, AB Patil and others; Institution premises, Queen's Road; 10.30 am.

CULTURAL

Bengaluru Lalitakala Parishat: Nadaswara-classical music by Vivek S, Naveen Kumar J, Mahesh Bidadi, Puneet and others; National College, Jayanagar; 5 pm.

Praroha Centre for Arts Foundation: Dance recital and leather puppetry show; Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road; 6 pm.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Partly cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	27.0°C
Minimum	20.0°C
Rainfall	--
Humidity	93%
Sunset (Sept 12)	6:24 pm
Sunrise (Sept 13)	6:09 am
Moonrise	9:10 pm
Moonset	9:17 am

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

'Project Khushi' to boost city police's health & wellness

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bengaluru City Police, in partnership with wellness enterprise Happiest Health, launched 'Project Khushi' on September 11 to improve the wellbeing of police personnel.

The three-month initiative addresses challenges such as long hours, irregular routines, high stress, and poor sleep. It aims to prevent and manage lifestyle diseases, including diabetes, hypertension, and obesity. Sessions will be held every alternate Thursday between September 11 and November 20, combining in-person classes and digital modules. It begins with a health test to track measurable progress.

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Love triangle turns fatal; man stabbed to death in Tilaknagar

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 21-year-old man was stabbed to death by his girlfriend's former lover in Nakalu Bande under the Tilaknagar police station limits on Wednesday night.

The police arrested Jeevan, a Byrasandra resident, who stabbed Kiran, a resident of Nakalu Bande, Jayanagar 3rd Block.

Kiran, from Kanakapura, lived in Nakalu Bande and worked with an online delivery firm. Jeevan, employed at a vehicle showroom, was in a relationship with a woman working at a cosmetic centre in Jayanagar. The couple had parted ways after frequent arguments.

The woman later began a relationship with Kiran. A few days ago, the couple posted about their relationship on social media.

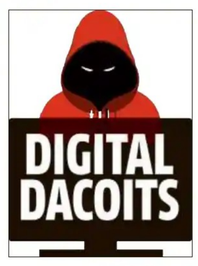
After seeing the posts, Jeevan reportedly called the woman on Wednesday evening.

The police said the woman, accompanied by Kiran, met Jeevan near Preeti Ladies PG in Nakalu Bande to hand over a speaker he had gifted her. An argument broke out between Jeevan and the woman. In a fit of rage, Jeevan stabbed Kiran in the chest with a knife, killing him on the spot.

Sadhguru's deepfake video: Bengaluru woman defrauded of Rs 3.75 crore

BENGALURU, DHNS

A 57-year-old resident of CV Raman Nagar was duped of Rs 3.75 crore by fraudsters who allegedly used an AI-generated deepfake video of spiritual leader Jaggi Vasudev, popularly known as Sadhguru.



The retired woman, Varsha Gupta, unaware of deepfake technology, was tricked into investing in an online trading platform when a deepfake video of the spiritual leader stated that he had been trading with an online trading firm, and that by clicking on the link provided and making a payment of USD 250, one could greatly improve their finances. The link also asked for a name, email address, and phone number.

Once she had submitted her details, she was contacted by a representative from Mirrox App from multiple UK-based numbers and various email addresses, guiding her through the trading process, Varsha stated in her complaint with the police. She was also asked to download the Mirrox application.

Between February 25 and April 23 this year, the woman invested a total of Rs 3,75,72,121 from her bank accounts onto the trading platform application, and only realised she was duped when she was unable to withdraw the profits.

Following her complaint, an FIR was filed on September 9. A case has been registered under relevant sections of the Information Technology Act and Section 318 (4) (cheating) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

The matter is being investigated, the police said.

GEAR CHANGE

With bike taxis in limbo, scooter rentals race ahead

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BENGALURU, DHNS

The uncertainty over bike taxis in Bengaluru has triggered a surge in scooter rentals, with services reporting a 10–20% rise in demand in recent months.

The spike coincided with the ban on bike taxis around June, said Abhishek Chandrashekar, Founder and CEO of Royal Brothers, a city-based rental firm.

"But we saw the actual impact in July and August, when monthly rental demand rose by 20%. Most customers prefer petrol-run scooters. To meet the demand, we added about 150 scooters last month," Chandrashekar said.

Royal Brothers operates a fleet of 5,500 two-wheelers, of which 4,300 are scooters.

The firm plans to expand the fleet further if the trend continues.

Service operators said most new customers are corporate employees aged 22–35. Another major rental service recorded a 15% rise in bookings, and an EV rental service saw 25% in rides.

"Even if bike taxis resume, some commuters remain sceptical because of the uncertainty. Those with driving licences find rentals more efficient and cost-effective," a spokesperson for the company told *DH*.

The Wheels, with branches in Ejipura and Yelahanka, has been fully booked almost daily. "We run about 40 bikes, and the demand has kept us packed for a month," said founder Pradeep Stalin.

Royal Brothers has a fleet of 5,500 bikes, of which about 4,300 are scooters. PHOTO: ROYAL BROTHERS

Social media campaign

Rent Me Bikes, based in Kammanahalli, launched a social media campaign around the ban.

"It worked in our favour. We have been fully booked since July. Earlier, we had only been renting bikes to delivery agents. The demand for personal use rentals was low. But since the bike taxi controversy, there has been a complete shift in trend. Now, most of our clientele are private users," said Abdul Lateef, owner.

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Director S Narayan and family booked in dowry case

BENGALURU, DHNS: Kannada film director S Narayan and his family have been accused of harassing their daughter-in-law for dowry.

In a complaint registered at the Jnanabharathi police station, Pavithra, the wife of Narayan's second son, Pavan, claimed that her husband and his family had physically assaulted her over dowry. An FIR has been filed against Pavan, Narayan and his wife Bhagyavathi.

In the FIR filed on September 1, the 32-year-old victim alleged that she had been harassed for dowry throughout her marriage with Pavan between 2021 and 2025.

In her complaint, Pavithra shared that it was she who would earn and manage the household, as Pavan did not have a job. And later on, when Pavan went on to start a film institute, Kala Samrat Team Academy, he started demanding more funds, despite having received dowry at the time of the wedding.

"In addition to the dowry, at the time of the wedding, we had gifted a ring worth Rs 1 lakh and covered the wedding expenses. Despite receiving the dowry, they have assaulted me and demanded more money," she claimed. A police officer investigating the case said that they were in touch with the family.

Talking to Kannada news channels, Narayan has denied the charges.

K'taka orders verification of Aadhaar holders aged 100 & above

Exercise aims to 'improve integrity' of database in state

BENGALURU, DHNS

The state government has ordered a field verification of centenarian Aadhaar holders to ascertain whether or not they are alive, in the first such exercise to review the unique identity database 15 years after it was launched in the country.

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has estimated that 48.98 lakh Aadhaar holders in Karnataka have died.

There are 6.66 crore Aadhaar holders who are alive in the state, where the government uses the 12-digit unique number in a big way for direct benefit transfer (DBT) and other services.

In July, the UIDAI announced that it started taking measures to obtain death records from various sources and deactivate Aadhaar numbers of deceased persons. Based on death records obtained from the Registrar General of India (RGI), 1.17 crore Aadhaar numbers have been deactivated. The UIDAI has also allowed individuals to report the death of family members.

In a pilot project, the UIDAI has asked states to verify the status of Aadhaar holders aged 100 and above.

"Upon receipt of such verification report, necessary validation will be carried out before deactivating such Aadhaar number," the UIDAI has said.

Accordingly, the e-governance department has issued an order asking tahsildars to carry out field verifications of all Aadhaar holders aged 100 and above. Deputy commissioners have been asked to review the progress of this exercise at the District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee (DLAMC) meetings.

"Since the launch of Aadhaar 15 years ago, many people have died. The UIDAI has contacted the RGI, banks and various applications being used by states to get data. With a population of 140 crore, it will be difficult to carry out a field verification of all Aadhaar holders. So, it has been planned to verify, based on Aadhaar documents, those aged 100," the order states.

Tahsildars will verify centenarians along with scrutinizing new Aadhaar enrolments of all persons aged 18 and above, the order states, adding that the exercise is meant to "improve the integrity" of the Aadhaar database in Karnataka.

The UIDAI has specified that no Aadhaar number is ever re-assigned to another individual.

"However, in case of the death of a person, it is essential that the Aadhaar number is deactivated to prevent identity fraud and unauthorised usage," it said.

Reviewing unique identity database

	KARNATAKA	INDIA
Projected population for 2025 as per Registrar General of India data	6,85,38,000	141,22,25,700
Aadhaar holders	7,15,39,270	142,69,81,265
Estimated Aadhaar holders after adjusting for deaths	6,66,40,491	133,65,07,069

Source: UIDAI

E-GOVERNANCE DEPT ORDER

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Women's outfit opposes PIL against Banu inaugurating Dasara

BENGALURU, DHNS

Naveddu Nilladiddare (if we do not stand), a network of women's organisations, has opposed the PIL petition filed in the High Court of Karnataka against inviting Kannada writer Banu Mushtaq for inaugurating Dasara.

Speaking at a press meet on Thursday, Activist Akkai Padmashali said, "Karnataka is known as a peaceful garden of all religions (Sarvajanangada Shanthiya Thota). We request the government to not step back from their decision."

Dasara is not celebrated in anyone's house or is not celebrated by a sect, it is a state's festival and religious extremists cannot stop it, she added.

Speaking about Banu Mushtaq's contribution to Kannada literature, the members said that she was a lawyer fighting injustice in society and her literary work in Kannada had taken Kannada a step forward on the global stage.

Social activists Vasundhara Bhupathi, Sunandamma, R Poornima and N Gayatri were present.

The members also questioned as to why the nomination of renowned Kannada writer K S Nissar Ahmed was accepted despite both of them belonging to the same community. "It is highly regrettable that now when a distinguished woman writer, lawyer and leader from the same marginalised community who has been selected to inaugurate the state festival has been stirred into a controversy by the opposition," said one of the members.

The organisation accused the BJP of being "anti-minority and anti-women".

Senior officers must visit field for better management of forests: Siddaramaiah

Pays tribute to forest officers who laid down their lives in line of duty

BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday urged senior forest officials to hit the field to get the best out of their subordinates while stressing the need to end the wildlife conflict for conservation to succeed.

He was addressing the gathering after paying tributes to forest officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty during the National Forest Martyrs Day - 2025.

"Senior foresters' presence on the ground is needed to ensure that the juniors and staffers work efficiently. They should regularly visit the forest to improve protection of the forest and conservation of wildlife. If they stay there, it will be much better," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah lays a wreath at the martyrs' memorial at an event to mark the National Forest Martyrs Day, in Bengaluru on Thursday. DH PHOTO

'Full barricade network'

The chief minister said the government has built railway barricades of 410 km length on the edges of the forests to prevent elephants from coming out of the forests.

"However, this is not enough. The full barricade network has to be completed. The Forest and the Environment Department, where (P M) Narendra Swamy is chairman, is not a poor department. There are funds," he said, referring to the coffers of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB).

When Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre interjected to add that the KSPCB board doesn't agree to provide funds for such works, Siddaramaiah, in a lighter vein, asked the minister to "bring them to me."

"What will they do by sitting on the money," the chief minister asked.

Speaking on the occasion, Khandre said 62 foresters have died on duty.

"To prevent poaching, fighting wildlife and in recent years, in operations to check man-animal conflict, many of our staffers have lost their lives. About 50 to 60 people are also losing their lives every year. Because the wildlife population, especially elephant numbers, is increasing but their habitat is shrinking," he said.

No increase in forest cover: Chief minister

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah once again observed that decades of afforestation activities have not borne fruit.

"I first became a minister in 1994 and ever since I have been watching the forest department's programmes closely. The extent of forest has remained at about 20%. There has been no increase in the forest extent in the last 40 years," he said, repeating a remark he made at last year's Martyrs Day event. Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre said the department has planted 11 crore saplings in two-and-a-half years and he has asked officials to verify their survival.

C T Ravi booked for 'inflammatory' remarks in Maddur

MADDUR (MANDYA DIST), DHNS: Maddur police on Thursday filed a suo motu case against BJP leader C T Ravi for allegedly making inflammatory remarks during the 'Shobha Yatre', organised as part of mass Ganesha idol immersion programme in the town. The event was held on Wednesday.

Several BJP leaders took part in the procession, which was a show of strength by the party after the stone throwing incident during Ganesha idol procession in the town on Sunday last.

Based on the complaint lodged by PSI Manjunath, an FIR was filed against Ravi. The complaint stated that 14 Ganesha idols were taken on a procession as part of mass immersion from the IB Circle to Kolli Circle in Maddur town. Addressing the gathering near Sri Ramamandira Park, Ravi had made provocative remarks.

Malavalli Bandh

The Malavalli bandh called by the BJP, JD(S) and Hindu outfits, condemning the stone throwing incident during Ganesha idol procession at Maddur, evoked good response on Thursday.

The shops on Pete Beedi, Mysuru Road, Kollegal Road, Maddur Road were closed with traders extending support to the bandh. However, schools and colleges functioned. Bus services were normal. JD(S), BJP and members of Hindu outfits took out a rally raising slogans against the government.

Mandatory transfer of constables, head constables

BENGALURU, DHNS: In a letter addressed to the state police chief, Home Minister G Parameshwara has ordered the inter-district transfers of constables and head constables who have completed seven years of service with the Police Department.

"Transfers in such cases should be considered mandatory, and personnel should be transferred immediately to the chosen districts," he said in the letter dated September 10.

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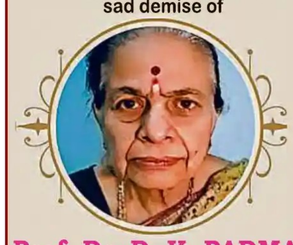

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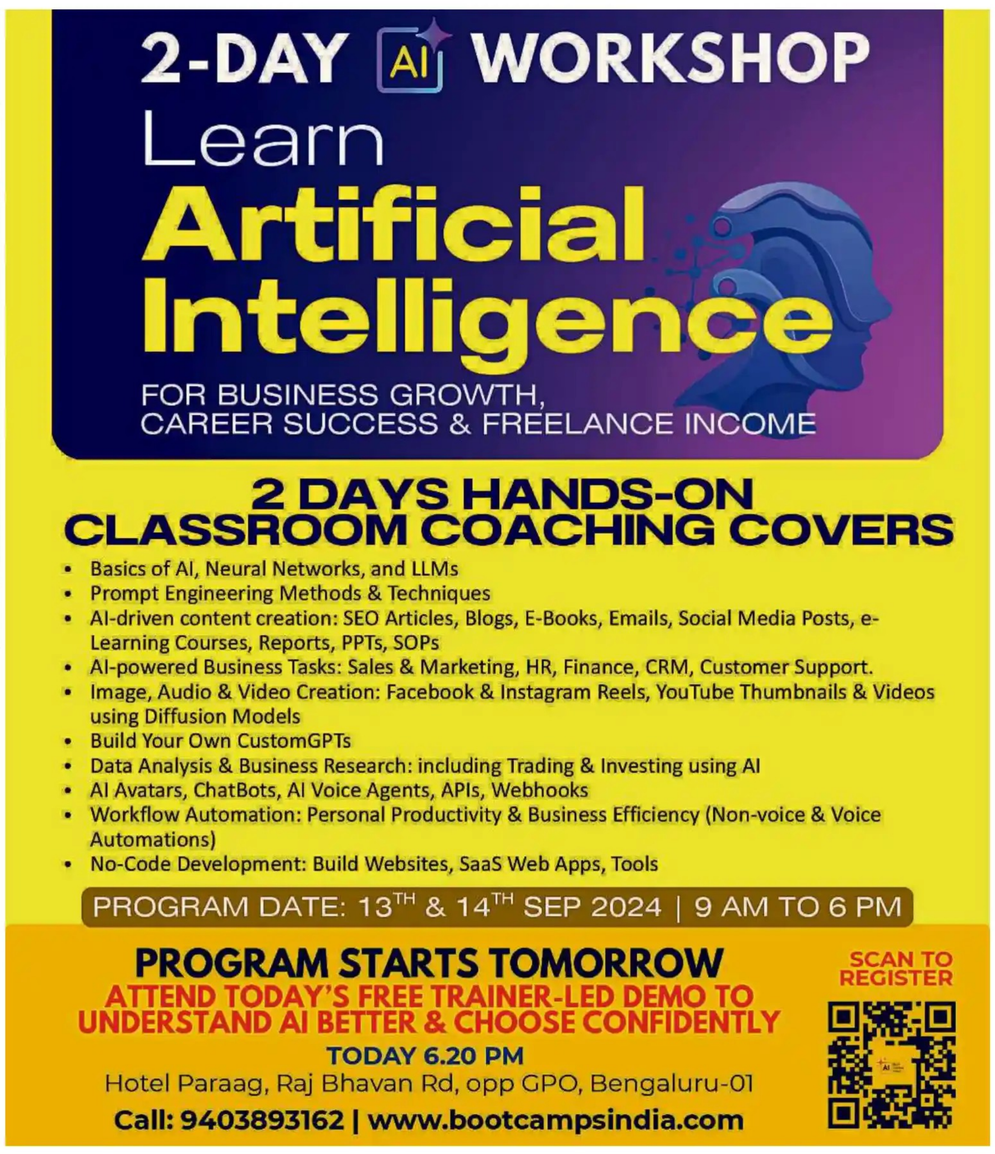
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Govt may decide to upload Waqf property details on Centre's portal

Had ensured passage of resolution in Assembly against Waqf Bill

MLC Naseer Ahmed, Ministers Krishna Byre Gowda and Zameer Ahmed Khan at a meeting on Thursday, to discuss uploading property details on the Centre's UMEED portal.

BENGALURU, DHNS:

The Congress government is likely to decide on uploading details of all unencumbered Waqf properties onto a portal developed by the Centre under the contentious Waqf (Amendment) Act, which was opposed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's administration.

One of the provisions under the Waqf (Amendment) Act was the setting up of a centralised portal for real-time uploading, verification and monitoring of Waqf properties.

In June this year, Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju launched the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency, and Development (UMEED) portal.

The Congress government had moved, and ensured passage of, a resolution in the Assembly rejecting the Waqf (Amendment) Bill in March this year.

On Thursday, however, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda and Waqf Minister B Z Zameer Ahmed Khan met to discuss uploading property details on UMEED.

"A direction has come from the union government on making entries of Waqf properties in the centralised portal. This will be examined. We've asked secretaries of both departments - revenue and minority welfare - to sit and discuss it," Gowda said.

According to sources, Zameer approached Gowda seeking a direction to revenue authorities on facilitating the uploading of Waqf property details.

"The government feels that there's no harm in uploading details of legally clear Waqf properties," one source said.

In Islamic law, Waqf refers to properties - movable or immovable - dedicated to religious and charitable purposes.

Karnataka has 48,148 Waqf properties, which includes mosques, madrasas, khabrastans, Idgahs, Dargahs, Ashoorkhanas and so on.

There are 4,173 cases of encroachments spanning 2.39 crore sq ft, 12,458 acres, 30,006.15 sqm, 12,119 cents and 10,703 yards. Authorities have removed encroachments in 185 cases entailing 371 acres, 3.17 lakh sq ft, 312.81 sqm and 17.5 cents.

At one point in time, the Karnataka State Board of Auqaf had 1.28 lakh acres in assets. Only about 36,000 acres are left, Khan told the Assembly in December 2024.

"Originally, there were 1,28,000 acres of Waqf land. Of this, 47,263 acres was lost to Karnataka Inam Abolition Act, 23,620 acres to Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 3,000 acres to acquisition for public purposes by the government and 17,969 acres are under private encroachment," Khan said, adding that 95% of the usurpers were Muslims themselves.

In the run-up to the Waqf (Amendment) Act, the Opposition BJP undertook a shrill campaign against the Congress government after some farmers' lands were marked as Waqf.

Maha says it will move SC if Almatti dam height is increased

MUMBAI, DHNS

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Thursday that the Maharashtra government will challenge any move of Karnataka to increase the height of the Almatti dam in the Supreme Court.

"We will move the Supreme Court," said Fadnavis when asked about the decision of the Karnataka government to increase the height of the dam.

The statement came a day after Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah reiterated the state government's commitment to increase the height of the Almatti dam from 519 metres to 524 metres and assured to provide fair and just compensation to farmers who lose their land to the Upper Krishna Project Phase-3.

Last month, the Maharashtra government communicated with the Centre on this issue, with Fadnavis writing to Union Minister of Jal Shakti C R Paatil.

Later, a delegation led by Water Resources (Godavari & Krishna Valley Development Corporation) Minister Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil flagged concerns in New Delhi.

The Krishna river, the second-longest river on the Deccan Plateau after Godavari, originates from Mahabaleshwar in Satara district in the Western Ghats region.

During the heavy monsoon, the Western Maharashtra districts of Sangli and Kolhapur — which share borders with Karnataka — experience inundation and flooding. Increasing the height of the Almatti Dam could worsen the situation.

The Maharashtra government had asked the National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee, to conduct a detailed hydrodynamic and simulation study on the impact of the Almatti backwaters, and the final report is awaited.

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CM for inclusivity, ethics to safeguard democracy

BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday emphasised that democracy was less threatened by the country's external enemies and more by its own internal corrosion.

This, he explained, happens when debate is replaced by despotism, dialogue becomes one-sided, and legislatures shift from serving the common good to becoming tools of partisanship.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) conference, he identified fanaticism and dictatorship as the greatest dangers to democratic governance.

He said empty fanaticism gave rise to dictators who suppress dissent — a growing trend globally — putting legislatures at risk of surrendering to autocratic forces rather than functioning as spaces for open dialogue.

He drew attention to the politics of division and identity, where caste, religion, and language were misused for political gain, turning legislatures into exclusive rather than inclusive platforms.

True democracy, he said, must empower the weakest and ensure diversity unites rather than divides.

Calling the CPA conference theme — 'Debates and Discussions in the Houses of Legislature: Building People's Trust and Meeting People's Aspirations' — both timely and timeless, the CM criticised the growing belief in social Darwinism, which claims only the strongest deserve to succeed. He argued that the real strength of a republic lies in how it uplifts the weakest, not just how it empowers the powerful.

He warned of a weakening democratic culture, saying values like respect, dialogue and tolerance were as vital as rules and structures. When debates turn into hostility and disruptions become the norm, the soul of democracy starts to erode, threatening what Dr B R Ambedkar called "constitutional morality".

Also flagging the rise of a "post-truth" culture, where emotions override facts, and misinformation spreads faster than reason, Siddaramaiah noted that this challenges democratic institutions.

Legislatures must return to being places of truth, evidence and reasoned debate. He observed modern challenges like fake news, algorithmic manipulation, shrinking civic spaces and loss of trust in institutions, calling for a revival of democratic energy and inclusion of the weakest voices.

To tackle these issues, he outlined five steps: strengthen committee systems and transparency; make lawmakers accountable daily; ensure inclusive debates; adopt global best practices like citizen assemblies and participatory budgeting; and root democracy in values like justice, equality, and fraternity.

Legislatures, he concluded, must protect these ideals and reject cynical or self-serving politics to preserve democracy's true spirit.

Birla, Harivansh call for parliamentary clean-up

BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah welcomes Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) conference at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Thursday. Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh, Assembly Speaker U T Khader, Council chairman Basavaraj Horatti and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar look on. DH PHOTO

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh on Thursday expressed deep concerns about the falling standards of discussion and behaviour in legislative and parliamentary meetings.

They called for self-reflection changes in the system, and a renewed focus on the key values of democracy—meaningful debate, constructive dialogue, and respect in legislative actions, while speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) conference at the Vidhana Soudha.

Birla lamented the declining quality of discourse in both Parliament and state legislatures.

"The Houses are increasingly turning into arenas of conflict rather than discussion. Allegations and counter-allegations have taken precedence over serious legislative business," Birla remarked.

He called for urgent reforms to restore the sanctity and purpose of the legislature.

"We must improve the way our legislatures function. They must once again become true platforms of debate, dialogue, and public service," he said.

"Disagreements are natural in a democracy, but they should not lead to adjournments and disruption. Instead, we should focus on long, meaningful deliberations that result in better policies for the people," he said.

Highlighting the role of technology in improving legislative efficiency, Birla said "We've made a sincere effort to bring all state legislatures onto a single e-platform—Digital Sansad. This digital transformation will promote uniformity, information sharing, and broader collaboration among lawmakers across the country."

He also emphasised the need to leverage emerging technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Information Technology (IT), not just to improve access but to deepen democratic engagement.

Echoing similar concerns, Harivansh Narayan Singh reflected on how the focus of presiding officers has shifted from conducting legislative business to maintaining order and discipline.

"Earlier, presiding officers focused on conducting business, and members kept themselves in check. Today, however, much of the time is spent restoring order and maintaining peace in the House," he said, pointing to the erosion of parliamentary standards.

Recalling efforts from the past, including the adoption of conventions and resolutions aimed at improving the functioning of legislatures, Harivansh called for a national-level dialogue to reinvigorate democratic institutions.

"It may be time to revisit those reforms and initiate a national conversation on how our legislatures must evolve," he suggested.

He also warned of the consequences of the growing communication gap within legislatures, which he said is contributing to deficiencies in policy-making and weakening institutional integrity. He noted that even essential matters such as parliamentary privileges are being overlooked.

In a striking conclusion, he cited the 17-hour-long debate on Operation Sindoor as an example of Parliament's capacity for serious engagement.

"If we can come together to deliberate at length on such issues, then why can't we bring the same seriousness to legislative debates and nation-building discussions?" he asked.

Yatnal plans to float Karnataka Hindu Party

MADDUR (MANDYA DISTRICT), DHNS: Bijapur City MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal on Thursday said that he and former MP Pratap Simha would form the Karnataka Hindu Party in the state.

Yatnal, who visited the town in the wake of a stone pelting incident reported during a Ganesha idol immersion procession recently, said at a meeting of Hindu activists, "Pratap Simha and I speak strongly in support of Hindus. We will form the 'Karnataka Hindu Party' in the state. The party's symbol would be JCB."

"If we come to power, we will remove the reservation of Muslims and distribute it to Hindus. We will demolish the illegally built mosques," he said.

Yatnal said the BJP has made a compromise in the state. "We will bring a new government in the state. If a flag is hoisted saying 'Jai Pakistan', we will encounter them. The Yogi Adityanath-like government of Uttar Pradesh will come to power in Karnataka," he said.

"They (BJP) did not make me a minister when our party was in power. If I were the home minister, I would have fired a bullet in their mouth", Yatnal, who was expelled from the party for his alleged anti-party activities, said.

'Punish stone pelters'

Those who pelted stones at Hindutva workers should be strictly punished, he demanded.

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Students bat for safe, short commute

A reel documenting the poor condition of Varthur-Sarjapur road, home to about 10 schools, has become a talking point

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An Instagram reel by a group of school students highlighting the poor condition of the road outside their school has been gaining traction online.

Three students feature in the video, posted two days ago. While filming, the camera slips to the floor from the hands of one of the girls, as the bus goes over a pothole. The reel is part of the campaign 'Our mobility our voice' by the students of a school located on Varthur-Sarjapur road, which is State Highway 35. "Sometimes, the average speed our buses travel at on this 10 km stretch is 4-6 km per hour," says Nooraine Fazal, the school's founding managing trustee and CEO.

In addition to poor roads, a large volume of trucks and cars on the 10-km stretch add to students' woes. PIC FOR REPRESENTATION. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

It comes after an analysis report released by the school, and shared with Karthik Reddy, joint police commissioner of police (traffic). The report claims that commute time has increased by 32% in the past year, and students spend over 180 minutes on average on the road daily. "As committed, the commissioner is actively working on solutions. We need the government to invest in bigger roads and mass mobility," Nooraine shares. Reddy was unavailable for comment.

Continued efforts

The 10-km stretch has over 10 premier schools and is accessed by 30,000-40,000 children. This is not the first time schools in the area have contacted authorities to put an end to their woes. Sinduja T S, principal of another school in Gunjur, says over the years, they have handed over petitions, and visited civic offices. "We have even used our own funds to fill potholes on that stretch to make the commute safer for our students. But these are stop-gap solutions. After one rain, we are back to square one," she explains.

The problem is that the road lacks a drainage system. "And in some parts, there is no road," says General Arjun Ray, CEO of an institution in the area.

About 90% of the students of Sinduja's school travel by bus. The rest commute by bicycle or are dropped off by parents. Some walk to school. "There have been multiple incidents of kids or their parents meeting with accidents, especially those on two-wheelers, due to the abysmal condition of the road. There are no pavements for kids to walk on," Sinduja shares.

According to Ray, the condition has worsened in the last year due to construction — two large apartment complexes have come up in the area. "This means more cars," he points out. Entrepreneur, Ritesh Prasad's daughter goes to a preschool less than a kilometre from their home in Gunjur. Yet, 3-4 times a month, he is forced to park midway and carry her to school. "The highway also sees a large volume of trucks and cars. The government has begun widening the road, but the pace is dead slow," he says.

Restroom stops

Lasya Mohan Varma, 17, a student who started the campaign, says her schoolmates often complain of discomfort and back pain due to the commute. "Some of them are athletes who are already harbouring injuries," explains Lasya, who started the campaign.

Younger kids are also affected. Because of the extended travel time, they often have to stop the bus to use the restroom. "It is not easy to find one that is clean and safe," says Mary Josephine, an employee at Lasya's school.

According to a civic activist, the problem is that the highway falls outside the jurisdiction of BBMP and the Greater Bangalore Authority. "It probably comes under the gram panchayat. The schools should be questioning them," he says.

He adds parents should ideally enrol children in schools within walking distance of their home. "If not, they should be ready to with the consequences. If a child has to travel great distances to access good education there is something fundamentally flawed with the education system," he believes.

POPCORN

Photo shop

So the government has directed makers of cars and bikes to publish the PM's photo on posters announcing GST rate cuts. The Kerala unit of the Congress has taken a dig already — it says sarcastically that undergarment and footwear manufacturers are following suit even before they receive any mandate. Poor taste, you say? Yes. But what about folks who till the other day bought vehicles under a GST regime that cheerfully burnt a big hole in their pockets? And tax payers who drive on the death traps they call roads? Whose picture do they direct their loving gaze at?

EVENTS

Classical concert
Karnatik musician Sanjay Subrahmanyan performs on Sept 12, at 6.45 pm, at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval. He will be joined by violinist S Varadarajan, and mridangam player Neyveli B Venkatesh. Tickets online.

Art Park
Art Park will be held at Rumale Art House, Rajajinagar, on Sept 14, 11 am. Artists will create works to commemorate the 115th birth anniversary of Rumale Chennabasaviah. For details, call 98448 30382.

Book launch
Three books will be launched at Sri Krishnaraja Parishat Mandira, Chamarajpet on Sept 14, 10 am. They include 'Strivadhi Sahitya Vimarshane' by H S Shrimathi, and 'Hosa Odugarige Kuvempu' and 'Kannada Nudi Rachane — Kelevu Nelegalu' by K V Narayana. Call 97422 25779.

Cobras account for highest number of snake rescues

Though rescue calls have increased, the number of species encountered have declined, say rescuers

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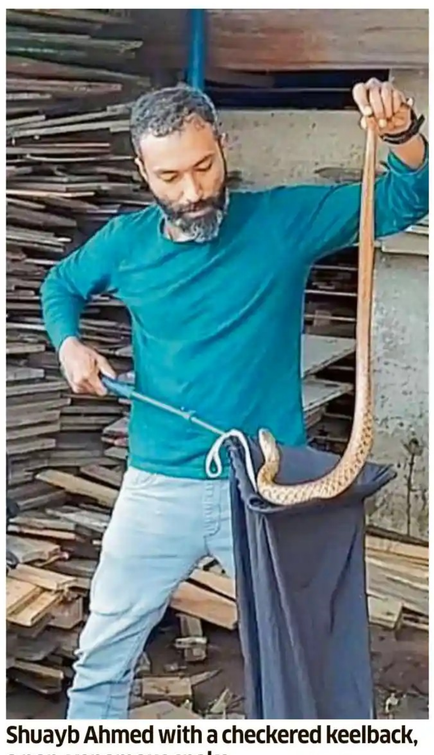
Snake rescue calls in Bengaluru have surged in recent years even as species diversity has shrunk sharply, say wildlife experts and snake rescuers. During the rainy season, juvenile snakes turning up in residential complexes and open plots is common. *Metrolife* spoke to experts about the species endemic to the city and what they encounter during rescues.

Conservationist and herpetologist Sanjeev Pednekar recalls recording 26-28 snake species within BBMP limits a decade ago, while snake rescuer Vallish V Kaushik claims he has documented nearly 32 over 25 years. Today, both experts note, only 8-9 species are commonly seen.



Shuayb Ahmed with a checkered keelback, a non-venomous snake.

Vallish V Kaushik holds a bucket with baby cobras.

Missing and rare species

Experts note that Bengaluru's most frequently sighted snakes are cobras and rat snakes, followed by Russell's vipers, checkered keelbacks, trinkets, and wolf snakes. Cobras and Russell's vipers are venomous, while the others are non-venomous.

Pednekar, founder of Prani, lists the common krait, saw-scaled viper, green keelback, vine snake, common cat snake, shieldtail, buff-striped keelback, and Dumeril's black-headed snake among those that have nearly vanished.

Kaushik, founder of Watchers Indian Trust, adds the common wolf snake, bamboo pit viper, collared cat snake, slender worm snake, beaked worm snake, and calamari reed snake to the list of rare species. "Trinket snakes are seen only occasionally, in areas with old trees such as Sankey Tank and Jnanabharathi area near Mysore Road," Pednekar notes.

Urbanisation root cause

Kaushik notes that sanitary pipelines, concretised rajakaluves, and tree-cutting has affected their habitat. According to Pednekar, "Old Bangalore had open drains and grass patches, and a sizable population of frogs, skinks, and geckos. Today, concretised drains and greywater in them leave nothing alive. Larger snakes like cobras, rat snakes, and pythons survive because they can eat rats and toads, but smaller ones such as vine snakes, green keelbacks, and shield tails that depend on geckos and lizards are disappearing," he explains.

Decline in hatchlings

Snake rescuer Shuayb Ahmed has observed a sharp decline in Russell's viper neonates. The snake typically gives birth to around 70-80 live babies. He has rescued only two juveniles in 2025 and one in 2024. "However, cobra hatchling numbers remain steady at 25-27 per clutch," he notes.

Calls and rescues

Snake rescue calls peak between June and October, accounting for nearly 60% of annual calls. Ahmed says he "gets 10-12 calls a day during rains, though only 2-3 require intervention". Snake rescuer Praveen Bose handles about 1,500 calls annually, personally attending 500-600. Kaushik records around 900 calls a year, of which 600 are from the city, split between citizen alerts and those from lakes and parks such as Lalbagh, Sarakki Lake in J P Nagar, K R Park, and Kempambudhi Lake. Rescuers say cobras dominate rescue operations. "This year, in 1,500 rescue calls, we rescued 427 cobras, 400 rat snakes, and 53 checkered keelbacks," says Pednekar. Bose adds that cobras account for 70% of his rescues.

CNR Rao Circle revamp to factor in IISc concerns

IISc director had said the changes will block direct access to Malleswaram from the main gate

BARKHA KUMARI
TEAM METROLIFE

After some confusion over the redesign of the busy C N R Rao Circle, authorities have clarified that work will proceed. However, only after addressing concerns raised by the director of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), GBA chief commissioner M Maheshwar Rao told *Metrolife*. The modification is aimed at streamlining traffic and improving pedestrian safety.

The circle, right outside IISc's main gate, connects traffic to Yeshwantpur, Mekhri Circle and Maramma Circle (Malleswaram). When *Metrolife* visited on Tuesday, a traffic circle and a few traffic islands were in place, but without finishing touches, such as road signs. Ashish Verma, professor of transportation systems engineering at IISc, who has designed the modifications, said the junction improvement began two months ago and has already been stalled twice, most recently around Ganesh Chaturthi.

IISc director Govindan Rangarajan listed his concerns in a letter to the Karnataka chief secretary. He said the current modifications will block direct access for the IISc community and visitors from the main gate to the Malleswaram area. It can also hinder VVIP movement. He called the alternatives unfeasible and urged the main gate to be kept "fully accessible". He further wrote that the proposed changes were not discussed with the IISc administration.

However, Verma said he conceptualised the design and piloted it before Rangarajan took office in 2020. The initial design did not block access to Maramma Circle, but after a fresh pilot this April, the plan was revised to restrict it based on on-ground observations. He added that another IISc gate opens to Maramma Circle, and access from other gates add only 100-150 metres to commutes. Rangarajan could not be reached for comment.

Joint commissioner of police (traffic) Karthik Reddy reported clarity in traffic movement and smoother flow since the trials. Another officer said minor accidents on the Sadashivanagar-Yeshwantpur stretch fell from two or three a day to none, and traffic now clears by 8 pm instead of 8.30-9 pm.

Commuter reactions were mixed. One IISc staff dismissed the row as a "non-issue that may only bring a little discipline". A Peenya resident welcomed the change, pointing to buses that "crisscross and speed dangerously" through the junction.

Currently, a traffic circle and a few traffic islands are in place at C N R Rao Circle. Finishing touches are pending. DH PHOTO/ B K JANARDHAN

Punjabis send help to flood-affected state

BARKHA KUMARI
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The Punjabi community in Bengaluru is raising funds and sending volunteers for flood relief to their home state, which is reeling from its worst floods since 1988. Over 2,100 villages across 23 districts of Punjab have been severely affected.

On Monday, Punjabi Sabha, a non-profit active since 1982, sent three volunteers to Amritsar, where they were joined by five of their relatives to deliver relief supplies to those affected. Alongside newer groups such as Harmony and Mission Chai, the Sabha has raised Rs 10 lakh in funds. Harmony is a social group comprising businesspersons in their 50s and 60s, while Mission Chai, known for serving free tea at hospitals, includes volunteers of all age groups.

"We are distributing medicines, mosquito nets, torches, solar lights, and hygiene kits. They did not want blankets as the weather there is getting warmer," said Punjabi Sabha president Rajesh Munglani.

The volunteers have so far been able to offer help to families in Ghonewal, close to the India-Pakistan border, and along the Tawi river towards Jammu. "It has been a struggle to reach them. Access has been cut off due to flooding. Our team has been using ropes to wade through the water," Munglani added.

Meanwhile, the Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Halasuru has collected roughly Rs 20 lakh in donations, with contributions ranging from Rs 100 to Rs 50,000. "We plan to buy medicines and construction materials. Once the water recedes, a team from the gurudwara will travel to Punjab to distribute these articles and assist in rebuilding," said manager Rishi Pal Singh. Donations to the gurudwara can be made in person, or online with assistance by calling 80500 00188.

A volunteer (in blue) from Bengaluru's Punjabi Sabha wades through flood-waters to deliver relief supplies in Ghonewal, Punjab.

CITY MIX

Tribute to pakhawaj maestro on Sept 14

The 5th Shrikant Mishra Music Festival, in memory of the pakhawaj maestro, will be held at Mahasagar, The Valley School, Thatguni Post, Kanakapura Road, on September 14, 4 pm onwards.

The festival will feature a veena duet by Geeta Navale and Murali Mohana Gowda, who will be accompanied by artistes Ranjini Venkatesh (on mridangam) and Anoor Prabodh Shyam (pakhawaj). A khayal vocal by Archana Shenoy, who will be accompanied by Bharath Hegde (harmonium) and Yogesh Bhatt (tabla), and a dhrupad vocal by Pt Uday Bhawalkar with accompanying artiste Aditya Dip (pakhawaj) are a also lined up.

For details, call 93058 66975. Entry free.

Poetry performances, exhibitions, dramatised readings at arts festival

Thirty-six projects that highlight artistic and cultural engagements with Bengaluru will be showcased at the latest edition of Project 560 Festival by the India Foundation for the Arts. The activities include dramatised readings, poetry performances, games, and exhibitions. The festival also features curated walks through Majestic, Rajajinagar, Malleswaram, Lalbagh, and Kalyan Nagar, along with workshops and discussions on neighbourhoods, poetry, memory, and urban narratives.

On September 13-14 and September 20-21. Across multiple venues. Entry free with prior registration. Details on @indiaifa on Instagram.

All-night puppet show this weekend

A troupe from Hassan will stage the story of the Pandavas' final year of exile

BARKHA KUMARI
TEAM METROLIFE

An eight-hour shadow puppetry show will run through the night in Bengaluru, starting Saturday. The city has previously hosted overnight cultural events such as Kuvempu's play 'Malegalalli Madumagalu', and the Fireflies music festival.

Every southern Indian state has a shadow puppetry tradition. This weekend's performance will showcase Karnataka's Togalu Gombeyata, which uses leather puppets to depict episodes from the 'Ramayana' and 'Mahabharata', and the legends related to Vishnu and Shiva. The Bengaluru enactment will focus on 'Virata Parva', the story of the Pandavas' final year of exile, which they spent in disguise.

Leading the troupe is Gunduraju, a seventh-generation puppeteer from Hassan. His family specialises in what he calls a 3,500-year-old art form. "In our tradition, one puppet can feature an entire scenery, whereas in others, one puppet represents a single character. Also, our puppets are designed so that even from a profile, you see both eyes," shares the 66-year-old.

Overnight performances once served practical needs, says Gunduraju. Before television, villagers travelled long distances by bullock cart for entertainment. Returning late put them at risk of encounters with wild animals, so the shows kept them engaged until dawn. Similarly, at weddings and funerals, the performances kept guests awake through the night, avoiding the need to arrange lodging for hundreds of attendees.

The tradition finds a new context this weekend. It is part of the 24-hour 'Bangalore Linear Festival' and serves as its all-nighter show. The citywide festival features performances along the metro corridor.

Gunduraju has staged shorter versions of Togalu Gombeyata in India and abroad but says the demand has dwindled. The festival co-director Bharavi was keen to bring it to the city. He has known Gunduraju for a few years and was familiar with the intricacies and social dimensions of the craft. Bharavi says Gunduraju inherited the rights to perform in a hundred villages from his father. At his daughter's wedding, he gifted 17 of those villages to his son-in-law, also a puppeteer. "The villagers don't allow anyone else to perform," says Gunduraju.

A past performance of Togalu Gombeyata by Gunduraju and his family.

'Virata Parva', from September 13, 10 pm to September 14, 6 am at Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwantpur. Details on @linearfestivals.in on Instagram.

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Tender Notice No. ELD-125-WC-OT-16-25, Dated 08.09.2025. E-tender Notice is invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), Eastern Railway, Howrah-711101 against Tender No. ELD-125- WC-OT-16-25 for the following works. **Name of Work with its location:** Outsourcing of PSI Maintenance Activities at 25KV AC Traction Sub-Stations & Feeding Posts (04 Nos.), Switching Stations (SP/SSP) (21 Nos.) and Auxiliary Transformer (142 Nos.) of Katwa-Azimganj, Bandel-Katwa, Barddhaman-Katwa and Katwa-Ahmadpur section in Howrah Division of Eastern Railway (24 Months). **Approx. cost of the work:** Rs. 43,90,897/-. **Earnest money/Bid Security to be deposited:** Rs. 87,800/- **Cost of Tender Form:** Nil. **Completion period of the work:** 24 (Twenty Four) months from the date of issue of LOA. **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 07.10.2025 at 15:00 hrs. **Opening of tender:** Tender will be opened at any time after closing of tender. Tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/ description/specification of the tenders and submit their bid online. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected.

HWH-287/2025-26

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SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Tender No. : B/SG.Tender Notice/11/2025-26 Date : 10.09.2025

PUB/1105/25

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following work up to 15.30 hrs on Dt: 03.10.2025.

Sl. No.: 1, **Tender No & Name of the work :** Vijayawada Division -Provision of IP Based Integrated Passenge Information System at BZA, SKM, SLO, COA, OGL, GALA, KVR, CLX, PKO, APT, TNKU, NDD, KKLR, AKVD, BVRM, KVZ, BPP, NS, RYP & GDV stations of Vijayawada division. As per RDSO/SPN/TC/108/2019 Ver.0.0 with Amdt.1 or Latest, **Tender Value (Rs.) :** 167882521.67/-, **EMD (Rs.) :** 989400.00/, **CTB (Rs.) :** Nil, **Completion Period :** 12 Months, **Date of closing & timing :** 03.10.2025 at 15.30 hrs.

1.Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of the name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria, etc. are available in the Tender documents published on the website at www.ireps.gov.in.

2.The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in.

3.The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the Office of Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom), S.C. Railway Vijayawada.

4.The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

Divisional Railway Manager, (S&T), Vijayawada

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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister
Date: 12th September, 2025 I Time: 04:00 pm
Venue: Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi
August presence
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Hon'ble Minister of Culture & Tourism
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TENDER NOTIFICATION

ISEC invites sealed tenders from Nationalized Banks for investment of Fixed Deposit above Rs. 1 Crore for various tenure periods.
Last Date & Time for Submission:
On or before 18.09.2025, 17.30 Hrs.
For more details visit our website: www.isec.ac.in

Date: September 10, 2025 **Sd/- Accounts Officer**

ISEC-25618

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

(Established under the Central Universities Act, 2009)
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INVITATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENTS

Quotations are invited from eligible manufacturers/suppliers for the supply of **SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT** to the Departments of Chemistry/Geology/ Physics/ Environmental Science/ Plant Science/ Zoology/ Genomic Science/ Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Central University of Kerala, Tejaswini Hills, Periye, Kasaragod, Kerala in sealed covers by post/courier/directly to the concerned Head of Department separately. Last date for submitting quotation 30.09.2025 (05:00 p.m.) For more information, visit www.cukerala.ac.in.

03.09.2025 **CBC 21353/12/0003/2526** **REGISTRAR**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 18/2025/SBC Date : 09.09.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

SN	Tender No.	Description in brief (E-open Tender)	Qty.	Unit
1	L8256428	Supply of Item : Rail Jumper with clamps at both ends complete as per RDSO Drg. No. RE/33/P-500	1300	No's

Last date for Submission of bids : **Upto 10.30 hrs on 09.10.2025**
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Material Maneger, Bengaluru

PUB/462/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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पत्रांक : एम0सी0/1346/25 दिनांकः—09.09.25

—:ई—निविदा आमत्रंण सूचनाः—(NIT)

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1	कार्य का नाम	चिकित्सा पुस्तकों की आपूर्ति (भारतीय एवं विदेशी)
2	वेबसाईट पर एन0आई0टी0 प्रकाशन की तिथि	दिनांक— 12/09/2025 को पूर्वाहन 09:00 बजे से
3	ई—निविदा अपलोड करने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक—15/09/2025 को पूर्वाहन 09:00 बजे से
4	ई—निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक—06/10/2025 को अपराह्न 6:00 बजे तक
5	अग्रधन राशि (EMD) एवं Affidavit की वास्तविक प्रति (Hardcopy) (प्राचार्य का कार्यालय, एम0 जी0 एम0 मेडिकल कॉलेज, जमशेदपुर, डिमना रोड, मानगो, जमशेदपुर, झारखण्ड—831020 में) जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि (By Speed post/Registered post only)	दिनांक—06/10/2025 को अप्राह्न—1:00 बजे तक
6	निविदा खोलने की तिथि	दिनांक—08/10/2025 के अप्राह्न—03:30 बजे तक
7	Earnest Money(EMD)	Rs. 40000.00 (Refundable) in favors of Principal, M.G.M. Medical College Jamshedpur.
8	निविदा जारी करने वाले का नाम एवं पता	प्राचार्य, एम0 जी0 एम0 मेडिकल कॉलेज, जमशेदपुर, डिमना रोड, मानगो, जमशेदपुर, झारखण्ड—831020
9	सम्पर्क दुरभाश संख्या	0657—2360859

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JHARKHAND URJA SANCHARAN NIGAM LIMITED

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e-TENDER NOTICE
NIT No. – 399/PR/ JUSNL/ 2025-26

E-tender in two parts i.e. Technical (Part-I) and Financial (Part – II) is invited from reputed, capable, experienced and financially sound firm for the following works : -

Name of work	Design, Engineering, Supply of Materials/ Equipments, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 132/33 KV, 2 x 80 MVA GIS Sub - Station including approach road as well as other civil works near Binod Bihari Chowk on turnkey basis
Estimated cost (Rs.)	Rs. 1,10,14,74,663.00 (including GST)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 3,35,72,380.00 On line mode
Completion Period	18 Months
e-Tender fee	Rs. 25,000.00 + 18% GST On line mode.
Start Date & Time of Download the Tender Documents	16.09.2025 at 11:00 AM
Start Date and time of upload of BID	16.09.2025 at 11:00 AM
End date and time of upload of BID	09.10.2025 upto 04:00 PM
BID Opening date for technical part	10.10.2025 at 04:00 PM
BID Opening date for price part	Will be communicated
Procurement Officer and address for communication	General Manager, C&M (NWBP), 2nd Floor, JUSNL (SLDC) Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi – 834002

1. e-Tender document and BOQ including terms & conditions, tender specification can be downloaded from website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned **(6202162568)** during office hours.
2. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only.
3. No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet services being used by bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical snag.

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PR 361625 (Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd) 25-26 (D)

Sd/-
General Manager C&M (NWBP)

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ENGAGEMENT OF RETIRED GENERAL MANAGER/DEPUTY GENREAL MANAGER FROM PUBLIC SECTOR BANK AS CONSULTANT ON CONTRACT BASIS

Advt. No.: IPPB/CO/HR/RECT./2025-26/02

Applications are invited for the position of Consultant on Contract basis from retired Deputy General Managers (TEGS-VI) and retired General Managers (TEGS-VII) of Public Sector Bank on contractual full-time basis.

Position	Number of Vacancies	Type of Employment	Age	Experience
Consultant	01	Contract Basis	Not more than 65 Years as on 01.07.2025	1. Should be a retired Deputy General Manager (TEGS-VI) or retired General Manager (TEGS-VII) 2. Should have deep functional knowledge and diverse experience of at least 30 years of working in branch banking and Administrative offices including various departments of the Bank such as Operations, Risk, compliance, HR, Audit, Finance.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Opening date of the advertisement is 18th August 2025. Candidates are required to send a scanned copy of the application form and supporting documents to careers@ippbonline.in. The hard copy and soft copy of the application form along with the required documents, as specified in the advertisement, must reach the IPPB Corporate Office by 25th September 2025, 5:00 PM. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

For detailed advertisement, please visit our official website **https://ippbonline.com/web/ippb/current-openings**

Place: New Delhi
Date: 18.08.2025

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Chief HR Officer

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Jayadeva plans satellite hosps in 5 B'luru city corporations

Jayadeva, from Page 1

While the SJICSR runs an 80-bed satellite hospital at KC General Hospital in Malleswaram, the facility doesn't function after 4 pm.

Dr Dinesh said he would make sure the satellite OPD operated till 8 pm, with emergency services available round the clock. The institute will also set up emergency clinics at metro and bus stations and other public places of high footfall.

The institute has 123 cardiologists, 48 surgeons and 32 anaesthetists.

It also runs 17 cath labs and 12 operation theaters functioning 24/7.

There is a 10-15% shortage of staff, 15% shortage of nursing staff and 10%-15% shortage of Group 'D' workers, the new director added.

Mohammad Mohsin, Principal Secretary of the Medical Education Department, said there are plans to open satellite hospitals across the state.

"We will gradually establish them across the state as cardiology is a complex department," he told *DH*.

Speaking about his goals for the institute, Dr Dinesh said he also looked forward to setting up a heart failure clinic, a valvular and transaortic valve replacement clinic and new technology adoption in cardiology at an affordable price.

He would also encourage his colleagues to publish more academic papers on the global stage.

Dr Dinesh was previously the professor of cardiology at SJICSR in Mysuru. He succeeded Dr KS Ravindranath, who has been serving as in-charge director since February 2024.

Internet access to hazard mapping: Caste census questions ready

Survey to use info from govt databases like ration cards

BENGALURU, DHNS

Have internet access? What about a playground nearby? Is there a main road? Got relatives living overseas?

These are some of the questions that citizens across the state will be asked during the upcoming Social & Educational Survey, scheduled to start on September 22.

The questionnaire will have 60 questions, according to Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes chairperson Madhusudan R Naik.

"The survey will not be confined to backward classes. It will touch upon various aspects of governance. We need to generate data of all seven crore people in the state, which the government can use to address issues," Naik told *DH*.

Going by excerpts from the questionnaire that *DH* has seen, citizens will be asked about their source of lighting: electricity, kerosene/oil lamp, solar or biogas.

Access to transport, healthcare facilities (government or private), burial ground or cemeteries, markets and libraries will be mapped during the survey.

It will check for hazards that households may face: flood, sea erosion, drought, landslides, human-animal conflict and forest fires.

"We'll also ask citizens what their needs are. For example, if a respondent is disabled, we'll ask what s/he specifically needs. We'll ask citizens about skill development. There are questions on generational challenges.

For example, what was your father doing?" Naik said, adding that survey data will be shared with government departments to plan policy measures.

11 experts

A team of 11 experts has designed the questionnaire. They include K S James (Tulane University), Surinder S Jodhka (Jawaharlal Nehru University), Arjun Jayadev (Azim Premji University), M R Sharan (University of Maryland), Naveen Bharathi (IIT Bombay), Chaya Degaonkar (economist), Kempaiah C (retired official), Amit Basole (Centre for Sustainable Employment), K Narayana Gowda (former vice-chancellor of University of Agricultural Sciences), Puttaswamaiah and Rajesh (faculty at Bangalore University).

45 minutes

The Commission has estimated that one enumerator will need 45 minutes to complete the questionnaire in each household. The survey is estimated to have 1.65 lakh enumerators who will cover about two crore households. One enumerator will cover 150 households.

"The survey will use information from various government databases like ration cards and Kutumba. If a person's ration card number is entered, then many fields will get auto-populated," Naik said.

Nepal's Gen Z protesters want Parliament dissolved

Nepal, From Page 1

At a press conference, Gen Z protesters underlined the need to find a solution through dialogue and cooperation, while some of their representatives were busy holding discussions with President Ramchandra Paudel and Army Chief Ashok Raj Sigdel at the Army Headquarters.

Three from the Gen Z group—Diwakar Dangal, Amit Baniya and Junal Dangal—spoke at the press meet and warned old political parties not to use them for their vested interests.

"This is purely a civilian movement, so don't try to play politics with this," one activist said. Another activist said that the Parliament must be dissolved and the Constitution should be amended as per the spirit of the people.

"We don't intend to scrap the constitution, but we want some major amendments to include people's concerns," he said. An activist said they don't intend to assume leadership of the country, but rather become just a watchdog. "We will not participate in the government, but rather we want to remain as a watchdog."

President Paudel, who is currently under military protection, said: "I am making every effort to protect democracy and to find a way out from the present political impasse within the constitutional framework while at the same time maintaining law and order."

He was not seen in public after the Gen Z agitating groups burnt the president's office and his private residence on Tuesday.

Paudel has accepted Prime Minister Oli's resignation but stated that the cabinet led by him will continue to run the government until a new Council of Ministers is formed.

Govt to form panel on social security for outsourced employees

Cabinet approves Rs 391.82 cr STP at Byramangala lake

BENGALURU, DHNS

In a move likely to benefit around 3.8 lakh outsourced employees in the state, the state Cabinet decided on Thursday to form a sub-committee to look into providing social security for such workers employed in different departments and boards.

Briefing reporters after the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil said: "The Cabinet decided to form a sub-committee to look into the pros and cons of providing social security and other facilities to lakhs of people working in different departments and boards of the state government."

According to sources, the Cabinet also discussed the possibility of regularising these jobs, which will be a major policy decision due to the significant differences in salaries between government employees and their outsourced counterparts.

The Cabinet decided to form district labourers services multipurpose cooperative societies in all districts.

Protocol for govt events

The Cabinet also approved a proposal by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) to alter the protocol for government events. According to the proposal, nine members can be mentioned in the invitations and can be present on the stage. The upper limit for this is 13.

While the concerned minister will finalise the names for a state-level programme, the district in-charge minister will finalise the names for district-level programmes. For taluk-level programmes, the names will be finalised by the local MLA.

The Cabinet decided to approve the "The Bio-Diesel (B100) Blending with High Speed Diesel for Transportation Purposes (Licensing) Order, 2022."

The Food and Civil Supplies Department has sought the framing of rules to prevent the sale of other chemicals in the name of biodiesel.

The Cabinet also cleared Rs 391.82 crore to the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board to set up a treatment plant at Byramangala lake. Implemented under the Operation and Maintenance model, it will have a secondary treatment capacity of 100 million litres per day (MLD) and tertiary treatment capacity of 25 MLD.

It was also decided to implement the Karnataka Geographical Information System 2.0 at a cost of Rs 150 crore.

Upper Krishna

The state Cabinet on Thursday decided to hold a special Cabinet meeting on September 16 (Tuesday) to take a final call on providing compensation to farmers and acquiring land for the Upper Krishna Project (UKP) phase 3.

Karnataka Ratna Award for Vishnuvardhan, Saroja Devi

The state Cabinet on Thursday decided to recommend to the Union government to posthumously award Bharat Ratna to legendary Kannada poet/writer Kuvempu, while also deciding to award yesteryear stars Vishnuvardhan and B Saroja Devi with posthumous Karnataka Ratna Awards.

Kuvempu is also the first Jnanpith award-winning Kannada writer. With Vishnuvardhan and Saroja Devi being conferred the Karnataka Ratna, the number of recipients of the award has risen to 11. Incidentally, Kuvempu was the first Karnataka Ratna awardee.

Vittal Gowda had exhumed skull, say SIT sources

UDUPI, DHNS

Vittal Gowda, acting on the instructions of Girish Mattannavar, had exhumed a body in Banglegudde and removed the skull, which was later handed over to complainant-witness Chinnaiah, according to sources in Special Investigation Team (SIT).

The entire exhumation was reportedly videographed. SIT sources said the skeleton was exhumed and then hid in Banglegudde a year ago. "Later on the directions of Girish Mattannavar, the skull was exhumed again from the site in Banglagudde and handed over to Chinnaiah," sources in SIT told *DH* when contacted.

On Thursday Vittal Gowda, Girish Mattannavar and T Jayant were taken to different locations for Mahazar (spot inspections). The mahajar reportedly went on till late in the evening as the team examined crucial aspects of the case on-site. Meanwhile SIT completed the seven-day questioning of YouTubers Abhishek and Munaf in connection with the ongoing probe, sources in SIT confirmed on Thursday.

According to a senior SIT official, the investigation process is complex and cannot be restricted by a fixed timeline. "This is not a time-bound probe. The inquiry can extend over a longer period, as many dimensions of the case needs to be thoroughly examined," the source said. SIT has been steadily piecing together evidences by interrogating individuals, cross-verifying their statements, and conducting on-ground inspections.

Official maintained that while progress is being made, the nature of the case demands patience and meticulous verification before drawing any final conclusions.

Forest dept daily wager killed in wild jumbo attack

H D KOTE (MYSURU DIST), DHNS: A dailywager serving in the Forest department was killed in a wild jumbo attack at D B Kuppe forest range, under Nagarahole National Park limits, in H D Kote taluk of Mysuru district on Thursday.

T Raju (45) of Manimoole tribal hamlet is the deceased. Three Forest department personnel were on patrol when the jumbo with its herd attacked the trio.

While the other two escaped, the jumbo caught hold of Raju and threw him on the ground. He died on the spot.

NEW MLCS TAKE OATH

Members nominated to the Legislative Council (from left) K Shivakumar, F H Jakkappanavar, Arathi Krishna and Ramesh Babu are seen with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, Home Minister G Parameshwara and Council chairperson Basavaraj Horatti after the swearing-in ceremony in Bengaluru on Thursday. DH PHOTO

College student accidentally falls to death

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 19-year-old college student died after accidentally falling from a residential building in Annapoorneshwari Nagar, West Bengaluru, on Wednesday evening, the police said.

Priyanka, who was studying PUC, slipped and fell while rushing to the second floor, where her mother was putting out clothes to dry.

Police investigations showed that Priyanka lost balance near the staircase. She suffered grievous injuries and died on the way to hospital.

The incident was reported from Health Layout, the police added.

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e-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. – 400/PR/ JUSNL/ 2025-26

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Name of work	Design, Engineering, Supply of Materials/ Equipments, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of LILO of 1ckt of 220 kV TTPS-Govindpur TL at proposed Maithon GSS (40 Km.) on turnkey basis.
Estimated cost (Rs.)	Rs. 1,62,15,39,180.00 (including GST)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 3,24,30,790.00 On line mode
Completion Period	18 Months
e-Tender fee	Rs. 25,000.00 + 18% GST On line mode.
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BID Opening date for price part	Will be communicated
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General Manager C&M (NWBP)

PR 361637 Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd(25-26).D

Overnight rain leaves parts of Kalyana K'taka dists waterlogged

BENGALURU, DHNS

Kalyana Karnataka districts received moderate to heavy morning rain for the second day on trot on Thursday. While many parts of the Mumbai Karnataka were mostly overcast, with sun playing hide and seek, the Kalyana Karnataka districts are experiencing wet weather.

In Kalaburagi city, skies opened up at 4 am and it rained for the next four hours with a few spells of heavy rain, leaving the low-lying areas in the city waterlogged. Yagapur in Chittapur taluk saw 155 mm of rain. The district is likely to receive more rains for the next two days. The weather department has issued an orange alert predicting heavy rain on Saturday,

Many parts of Yadgir district witnessed overnight rain. A bike rider had a close shave while crossing a bridge over the swollen stream near Bachapur. A few locals saved him from being swept away in the stream.

Sweet corn vendors brave rain to earn a living, in Yadgir on Thursday. The town and parts of the district have been experiencing intermittent spells of rain since Wednesday night. DH PHOTO

Heavy rains lashed several parts of Raichur, including the district headquarter, in the small hours of Thursday. The three-hour spell flooded Raichur city and Hatti town. The Raichur taluk administration had declared a holiday for schools on Thursday in view of heavy rain. The Maski reservoir near Maaraladinni is receiving good inflows due to incessant rain in its catchment.

A marathon for men and women organised by the Raichur City Corporation on Thursday was cancelled due to inclement weather. Manvi, Sindhanur, Sirawar and Maski taluks also received intermittent spells of rain.

Heavy rain in the last two days have flooded standing crops on hundreds of acres, including paddy, cotton and tur, in Kalyana Karnataka districts.

Four houses have suffered partial damages following heavy rains in Ballari district. Narihalla reservoir near Sandur continued to receive good inflow. A heavy overnight rain flooded low-lying areas and streets in Gangavathi town of Koppal district.

Vijayapura city, Indi and Tidagundi experienced rain, coupled with thunder and lightning, on Wednesday night. The region is expected to receive thunderstorms till September 17, according to IMD.

Down south, Kolar city and parts of rural areas witnessed sharp showers on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday.

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From Feb '26, metro fares to rise...

Metro fares, from Page 1

The BMRCL also sought annual automatic fare revision based on a transparent formula to "improve its operating ratio on a continuous basis". Without this, it said, its net loss will stand at Rs 577 crore in 2029-30.

"Against the year-wise loan repayments of Rs 911 crore, Rs 1,338 crore, Rs 1,440 crore and Rs 1,457 crore from FY 2025-56 to 2029-30, the cash available is only Rs 601 crore, Rs 917 crore, Rs 853 crore and Rs 1,018 crore, respectively. Therefore, no cash accrual will be available to meet asset renewals and replacement. Thus, it is necessary to have an annual automatic fare revision formula to revise the fare based on the changes in the various elements of O&M (operations and maintenance) costs," it noted.

Since the committee recommended an annual hike of 6.87% (since June 2017), the BMRCL sought a similar automatic annual revision but capped it at 6%. However, the committee agreed to a maximum annual hike of 5%. The annual revision shall be valid till the next FFC is constituted and gives its report.

Even after the 5% annual fare revision, the BMRCL will have cash available for depreciation only in 2029-30, when it will have Rs 1,457 crore for loan repayment and Rs 198 crore for depreciation.

The annual fare hike should be arrived at through a transparent formula, or 5% per annum whichever is lower (in each fare slab).

A well-placed source said the annual fare revision could be 1-2% but not more than 5%. All the fares will be rounded off to the nearest rupe if the increase is 50 paise or more.

Mahasabha for distinct identity in caste census

BENGALURU, DHNS: Welcoming the recent assertion by the All India Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha that Lingayats do not belong to Hinduism, the Jagatika Lingayat Mahasabha on Thursday urged Lingayats to assert their distinct religious identity in the caste census by registering their religion as "Lingayat" rather than being grouped under Hindus or Veerashaivas.

Speaking to reporters, the Mahasabha's chief general secretary S M Jamadar said Lingayats were neither Hindus nor Veerashaivas.

Jamadar firmly rejected the notion that Lingayats and Veerashaivas formed a single religious community. He cautioned against attempts by some groups to blur this distinction to artificially increase their numbers, warning Lingayats not to fall victim to such misinformation.

Can't sit idle if one wing of democracy fails: SC

Court reserves verdict in presidential reference case

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Thursday said that, as the custodian of the Constitution, it cannot remain powerless or be forced to sit idle if one of the wings of democracy fails to discharge its duties.

A five-judge Constitution bench led by Chief Justice of India BR Gavai made the observation on the tenth day of hearings in the presidential reference case. The court reserved its judgment after concluding detailed submissions from Attorney General R Venkataramani and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta.

"I publicly say that I am a strong believer in the doctrine of separation of powers. Judicial activism must exist; it should not turn into judicial terrorism (or judicial adventurism). At the same time, if one wing of the democracy fails to discharge its duties, should the court, which is the custodian of the Constitution, be powerless and forced to sit idle," the CJI asked.

Mehta said that the separation of powers is part of the basic structure of the Constitution, and that not only the judiciary but also the executive and the legislature are custodians of citizens' fundamental rights.

He contended that issuing a mandamus on the legislative functions of a constitutional authority would violate the theory of separation of powers.

He submitted that for the last 50 years, assents to 90% of bills were given in one month, and if a direction is used by the apex court for the grant of assent, it would be directing the governor to exercise his discretion in a particular manner.

Mehta contended that one constitutional functionary, which is the apex court, cannot issue a direction to another constitutional functionary, which is the governor.

"Issuing mandamus to a constitutional high functionary having discretion would violate the theory of separation of powers," Mehta contended.

The Solicitor General asserted that there cannot be any straightjacket timelines, too, and it all depends on the subject matter of the bill.

The Attorney General contended that the governor must be granted flexibility to act under Article 200 of the Constitution.

On this, the bench asked, "Can the governor withhold assent endlessly without sending a message?"

The AG insisted that the governor has the power to examine the bill's constitutionality.

Mehta also sought modification of the April 8 judgment by a bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan, which declared that the Tamil Nadu governor's decision to withhold assent to 10 bills was "illegal" and "arbitrary", and fixed a three-month timeline for the president to clear the bills.

On May 13, President Droupadi Murmu made a reference to the top court to decide if timelines can be fixed through judicial orders.

EC mulls postal ballots for NRIs; Kerala set for SIR

High demand pushes poll panel to consider voting via embassies

ARJUN RAGHUNATH
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

The Election Commission of India (ECI) is actively considering the introduction of postal ballots for overseas Indians, a long-standing demand from Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) seeking voting facility.

Kerala Chief Electoral Officer Rathan U Kelkar told *DH* that discussions on enabling postal voting for NRIs are progressing, with the facility likely to be introduced ahead of the 2026 Kerala Assembly polls.

A major share of overseas electors in previous elections were from Kerala. While the global NRI population is estimated at around 1.35 crore, only 1,19,374 registered to vote in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, of which 89,839 were from Kerala.

However, only 2,958 NRIs travelled to India to cast their votes, including 2,670 from Kerala. High travel costs and logistical inconvenience were commonly cited as reasons for the low turnout.

Kelkar said while e-voting had been considered, it would require an exceptionally secure and foolproof system. Due to apprehensions over cybersecurity and the potential for allegations, similar to those surrounding EVMs, the focus is now on introducing postal voting through Indian embassies abroad.

The ECI is now proceeding with discussions on postal ballots, as the system is already in use for officials on election duty, Kelkar said.

Kelkar was speaking on the sidelines of a workshop titled 'Ensuring Inclusive Electoral Participation for All' held in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday.

NRIs have welcomed the move to introduce postal voting.

"Postal ballots for NRIs are indeed a welcome step, as they would finally give millions of overseas Indians a fair opportunity to participate in our democracy. However, the system must be implemented with utmost transparency and safeguards against malpractice," said Mansoor Palloor, convenor of the AICC Overseas Congress Cell for the Middle East.

Meeting on Sept 20

The chief electoral officer said that Kerala's election wing is all set to commence the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, with a meeting of representatives from all political parties scheduled for September 20.

"When SIR was announced in Bihar, Kerala and other states also began preparations. The electoral roll from the 2002 SIR has already been uploaded to our website, and officials have been trained for the exercise. To address any concerns, we will hold a meeting with political party representatives on September 20. We will be able to launch the SIR as soon as the EC issues instructions. Kerala's preparedness was presented at the review meeting convened by the ECI on Wednesday," he said.

Kelkar also assured that no eligible voter, including NRIs, needs to worry, as the objective is to ensure that no valid voter is left out.

To enhance accountability in booth-level data collection, government officials in Group-C posts are being appointed as Booth Level Officers wherever possible, he added.

Manipur businesses reel under conflict's shadow

SUMIR KARMAKAR
IMPHAL/THOUBAL, DHNS

President's Rule has improved law and order in the state, but economic pain persists.

The streets of Imphal and neighbouring Thoubal district are no longer dotted with protesters as they were a year ago. Markets and schools are open, and the booths of the Meitei radical group, Arambai Tenggol — once visible in every nook and corner — have disappeared.

However, the army and other paramilitary forces continue to maintain strict vigil across streets, markets and other vulnerable areas. The frequent recovery of weapons and daily arrests of cadres from various armed groups have curbed extortion and threats to a large extent.

Many in Imphal and Thoubal said that the law and order situation in the strife-torn Manipur has improved significantly since the President's Rule was promulgated. But beneath this ostensibly normal atmosphere in the Meitei-dominated Valley lies a disturbing sense of distress, especially among traders, shopkeepers and those reliant on tourism and other service sectors.

"Business has been badly hit, and there are no signs of improvement," Ramesh Thockchom, a construction materials dealer in Imphal's Mantripukhri area, told *DH* on Thursday. "It's become difficult to pay rent and staff salaries. Locals have almost stopped construction work, as everyone is under financial stress due to the conflict since 2023. Customers from outside aren't coming. If things continue like this for another six months, I'll have no choice but to shut down."

Just two kilometres away in Chingmeirong, restaurant owner Ranjita Thounaujam sat idle in the evening, waiting for customers. She has reduced her staff from 11 to four to cut operational costs. "Only people like you are here because of the prime minister's visit. Many restaurants have shut down over the past year."

Kelvin Wangkhem, who started his homestay business near Thoubal town in 2021, says the conflict severely impacted his business. "I took a loan for the construction. The business was very good as tourists and private sector workers were my regular staff. Now the situation has become such that I am struggling to pay my EMIs."

Manipur remains divided, with central forces still guarding buffer zones between the Meitei-dominated Valley and Kuki-dominated hill districts. As both communities hold firm to their demands and a resolution remains elusive, social and financial distress continues to deepen.

A police officer in Imphal said suicide cases have risen amid the prolonged crisis. With education disrupted, many families have sent their children out of state.

On Thursday, a group of Meitei women submitted a memorandum to Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla urging free highway movement, rehabilitation of displaced persons and an end to the extended Suspension of Operations pact with Kuki insurgents.

The appeal comes ahead of PM Narendra Modi's first visit to Manipur since the conflict began on May 3, 2023.

Barricades, posters burnt in Manipur ahead of PM's visit

IMPHAL, DHNS: Unidentified miscreants on Thursday evening burnt some barricades and posters put up to welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Manipur's Kuki-dominated Churachandpur district on Saturday.

Sources in a Kuki organisation told *DH* that the incident took place around 8 pm: Several unidentified persons with bamboo poles broke the barricades and set fire to the posters put up near the helipad at the Peasunmun village, where Modi is scheduled to land on Saturday afternoon.

The helipad is about 5 km from the Peace Ground, where the PM is scheduled to address a public meeting on Saturday.

Videos shared on social media showed many among the crowd shouting slogans against the PM as they dismantled the decorations.

Sources said a section of Kukis was angry over the administration's covering of the "Wall of Remembrance", a memorial put up by the Kuki groups to mourn Kuki-Zos who died in the conflict involving the Meiteis since May 2023.

"The situation was brought under control by the police and other security forces," said the sources.

The incident took place a day after the Kuki-Zo Council welcomed Modi and called it a "rare and historic" visit.

On Wednesday, CorCom — a forum of at least six armed groups in the Meitei-dominated Valley — issued a "boycott call" against Modi's visit to the strife-torn state.

Modi is visiting the state for the first time since the conflict started in 2023. He is scheduled to lay the foundation for projects worth Rs 7,300 crore for five hill districts during the Churachandpur event.

He is also scheduled to inaugurate projects of Rs 1,200 at the meeting inside the historic Kangla Fort in Imphal, about 65 km away.

Nagas withdraw stir

In a positive development ahead of the PM's visit, the United Naga Council (UNC) decided to temporarily suspend its "trade embargo" scheduled from Thursday, following a written assurance from the government to hold talks regarding the scrapping of the Free Movement Regime along the border with Myanmar and the construction of border fencing.

MEGA PROJECTS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to unveil projects valued at Rs 8,500 crore in Manipur.
- He will lay foundation stones for various development projects worth Rs 7,300 crore from Peace Ground in Churachandpur.
- He will also inaugurate infrastructure projects totaling Rs 1,200 crore from the state capital Imphal.

'Trade deal not that far': Trump's India envoy nominee

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, PTI: US ambassador-designate to India Sergio Gor on Thursday said India's protectionist policies and regulatory barriers have prevented Washington from fully realising its partnership with Delhi, and if confirmed, he will work to advance trade that is fair, reciprocal and beneficial to Americans.

At his confirmation hearing in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Gor also said India and the US are "not that far apart" right now on a trade deal.

"India is a strategic partner whose trajectory will shape the region and beyond," Gor said.

Noting that India and the United States are actively negotiating right now, Gor said President Donald Trump has invited their commerce and trade ministers next week, and they will be meeting with US Trade Representative Ambassador Jamieson Greer in Washington.

"Part of that will include hopeful, a hopeful deal. We are not that far apart right now on a deal. In fact, they're negotiating the nitty-gritty of a deal," Gor said.

Gor underlined that President Trump has a "deep friendship" with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and that is something that is unique.

Radhakrishnan to take oath as VP today

AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

C P Radhakrishnan is set to take oath as the vice-president on Friday in a ceremony formally administered by President Droupadi Murmu. Opposition leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge are among the invitees at the ceremony.

One of Radhakrishnan's first engagements is expected to be a meeting with Rajya Sabha floor leaders at noon. Sources said Radhakrishnan has invited all leaders for the meeting.

Meanwhile, the Rashtrapati Bhawan, in a communique, said Gujarat Governor Devvrat Acharya had been given the additional charge of Maharashtra after Radhakrishnan demitted office.

On Wednesday, the Election Commission declared Radhakrishnan as the 15th V-P of India. Radhakrishnan, who was set to win at least 437 votes, bagged 452, indicating cross-voting by I.N.D.I.A-bloc MPs. Opposition candidate Sudharshan Reddy got 300 votes.

A total of 781 votes were to be cast, keeping in mind vacancies in both Houses of Parliament, but 14 MPs abstained, including those from the BRS, BJD, and the SAD, as well as two independent MPs.

Before the election, the BJP carried out a mock drill for its MPs in a three-day workshop. In it, an MP had fumbled, but was corrected by leaders present. "If we take into account the number of invalid votes (15), our total count would have risen above 460. The MPs listened to their conscience," said a BJP leader.

The election was necessitated by the unexpected exit of Jagdeep Dhankar.

AAP's Sanjay Singh scales Srinagar guest house gate to meet NC chief

ZULFIKAR MAJID
SRINAGAR, DHNS

AAP MP Sanjay Singh looks on after he was allegedly placed under house arrest in Srinagar on Thursday. PTI

High drama unfolded in Srinagar on Thursday after Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Sanjay Singh climbed the gate of a government guest house, alleging he had been confined by police to prevent him from meeting National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah.

Singh, who arrived in the Valley to protest against the detention of AAP's lone J&K legislator Mehraj Malik under the Public Safety Act (PSA), said he was being subjected to a "house arrest" ordered by the Lieutenant Governor's administration. "I have been locked inside when I only wanted to raise my voice for justice. This is an attack on democracy," Singh said before forcing his way out by scaling the iron gate to reach Abdullah.

The NC president, who met Singh soon after, hit out at the administration for curbing peaceful political activity. "This is absolutely wrong. In a democracy, protest is a constitutional right. Unfortunately, because J&K is a Union Territory, all powers rest with the L-G," Abdullah told reporters.

He argued that there was no justification for preventing Singh from addressing a press conference. "Is it so dangerous if Sanjay Singh speaks? This is not autocratic rule; this country has a Constitution," Abdullah said.

Referring to recent political upheavals in South Asia, he said, "The L-G has a duty to safeguard the Constitution. If that does not happen, one must learn from what has unfolded in Nepal and Bangladesh."

CRPF flags Rahul's security protocol breach abroad

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The CRPF has written to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, flagging security protocol "violations" by Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi by not informing his movement inside and outside the country, sources said on Thursday.

Congress questioned the timing of the letter and called it a "veiled attempt" to intimidate Rahul following his announcement about "another imminent disclosure" on "vote chori" (vote theft).

Rahul is provided with 'Z+' security cover by the CRPF VIP Security Wing with around 10-12 armed commandos providing a proximate security cover. The Advanced Security Liaison (ASL) provides an early reconnaissance of the locations to be visited by Rahul. Officials said the CRPF informed Kharge about certain "unscheduled movements without intimation" by Rahul during his domestic visits. The force has also claimed that he does not provide advance information about his visits abroad.

Rahul Gandhi

Similar communications have been sent earlier also, officials said, adding unannounced movements pose a "risk" to Rahul's security. Stipulated guidelines should be followed mandatorily by the protectee, they said.

Congress Media and Publicity Department Chairman Pawan Khera said, "The timing of the CRPF's letter and its instant public release raise disturbing questions. It comes just as Rahul Gandhi is leading the charge against the BJP's 'vote chori' carried out with the Election Commission's complicity."

"Is this a veiled attempt to intimidate the Leader of Opposition, who has already announced another imminent disclosure? Is the government rattled by the truth he is about to reveal?" Khera asked.

The Modi government had withdrawn Special Protection Group (SPG) protection for Rahul after the government passed a bill to do away with SPG cover for former Prime Ministers and their families.

Following criticism over the move, the MHA had in November 2019 claimed that there were 1,892 occasions between 2015 and May 2019 when Rahul did not use a bullet-proof vehicle inside Delhi, while there were 247 occasions till June this year when he travelled outside Delhi in a non-bullet-resistant vehicle.

Court junks plea seeking probe into Sonia's voter roll entry

NEW DELHI, DHNS: A Delhi court on Thursday dismissed a complaint filed against Congress leader Sonia Gandhi for the offences of cheating for allegedly giving false information to secure entry in the electoral rolls in 1980, three years prior to acquiring Indian citizenship.

The additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate rejected the complaint filed by one Vikas Tripathi, saying the informant has sought to set the criminal law into motion with the evident object of persuading this court to assume jurisdiction which, in law, does not vest in it.

The court noted the fundamental ingredients of the offences of cheating and forgery were conspicuously lacking here.

BIHAR BATTLE

RJD to focus on seats lost by narrow margins

ABHAY KUMAR
PATNA

The 2020 Bihar Assembly election was a closely fought contest between the NDA and the Mahagathbandhan, an earlier avatar of the I.N.D.I.A bloc, where the RJD bagged 75 seats and the BJP secured 74. This outcome came after a joint campaign by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who left no stone unturned to ensure the ruling alliance retained power.

On the other hand, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav spearheaded the Mahagathbandhan's campaign, rallying support for alliance candidates in the absence of RJD chief Lalu Prasad, who was incarcerated in Ranchi, Jharkhand, following his conviction in the fodder scam.

Such was the nail-biting finish of 2020 polls that the RJD, despite emerging as the single largest party with 75 MLAs, could not form the government. The NDA (comprising JD(U) and BJP) narrowly crossed the magic number of 122 in the 243-member House, while Tejashwi's Mahagathbandhan fell short by 12 seats.

The Opposition had then alleged that vote counting was halted in several constituencies late in the evening. Mahagathbandhan candidates, who were leading until the final rounds, reportedly lost by razor-thin margins — some as low as 12 to 712 votes — in fiercely contested battles.

Recently, Tejashwi, who campaigned along with Rahul Gandhi during the latter's Voter Adhikar Yatra, has been urging his party workers to remain vigilant against alleged vote chori to prevent a repeat of 2020 in the upcoming 2025 elections.

There is some substance to the Opposition's vote theft charges. Consider the case of the Hisua Assembly constituency, where RJD spokesperson Shakti Singh Yadav lost to JD(U)'s Prem Mukhiya by 12 votes.

In Barbigha, Congress candidate Gajanan Shahi was defeated by JD(U)'s Sudarshan Kumar by 113 votes. RJD's Fateh Bahadur Singh lost to BJP's Vijay Mandal in Dehri by 464 votes.

A similar setback was faced by Mahagathbandhan ally CPI(ML), whose candidate Jitendra Paswan lost to JD(U)'s Sunil Kumar by 462 votes in Bhore constituency. Sunil Kumar had resigned from the IPS — where he served as Director General — to contest as Nitish's nominee. He is currently Bihar's Education Minister.

"This time, Tejashwi's focus is on all such narrowly lost seats," said a senior I.N.D.I.A bloc leader.

Plans afoot to reopen Bengaluru's HAL airport

HAL airport, from Page 1

As part of a 10-year master plan, the AAI has proposed to demolish the existing terminal in 2030 and start building a new one.

"While the airport terminal building belongs to AAI, the land beyond that is defence land. We've had a good relationship with them since the 1940s, and we're in agreement about opening up the HAL airport for commercial use. We want to start the expansion in 2030 and get the new building ready before 2033. There is a possibility of starting commercial operations before the agreement ends if BIAL issues an NOC," the official explained.

As per the master plan, the new airport terminal will be expanded in phases. "In the first phase, we'll be expanding within the land available, focusing on the basic requirements. Further expansion depends on traffic at the airport and land acquisition," the official said.

The revamped airport will have a seven-floor car parking facility and a commercial complex in addition to lane expansion in front of the terminal.

"It is not confirmed that BIAL will be a part of the revamped airport. Ownership and the operational rights of the airport will likely be put up for auction, and it all depends on who has the highest bid," the official said.

The chief secretary could not be reached for comment. A spokesperson for BIAL declined to comment.

Bangalore South MP L S Tejasvi Surya, who has been vocal about reopening the HAL airport for commercial flights, said he had already met Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu three times. "He is extremely enthusiastic to get this started," Surya said.

"There have also been two meetings between BIAL and the AAI. They are trying to work out the nitty-gritty of the 2033 agreement. The minister has instructed his officials to find the most practical solution in the shortest possible time."

Bangalore Central MP PC Mohan said the ministry had concerns about transit between the KIA and HAL airport. Once these details are sorted, the plan will move ahead.

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SIR revised: Aadhaar is evidence

The Supreme Court's directive to the Election Commission of India (ECI) to accept Aadhaar as a valid proof of identity in Bihar's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is another welcome intervention the Court has made to address complaints about the exercise. The acceptance of Aadhaar as the 12th identity evidence, along with the ration card, passport, and other documents, will make the revision a lot more inclusive. It further exposes questionable positions taken by the ECI on SIR, launched just a few weeks before the Assembly election in the state. The apex court had, in August, suggested the use of Aadhaar along with 11 other documents that the ECI had prescribed for verification. However, reports from the state revealed that booth-level officers continued to reject Aadhaar as evidence. This prompted the Court to issue the latest directive, which has left no room for discretion on the part of the BLOs.

The ECI told the Court that Aadhaar could not be used because it was only a proof of residence, not of citizenship. But the Court pointed out that apart from the passport and birth certificate, none of the documents ECI prescribed could be considered as proof of citizenship. The other documents could also be procured by illegal means. It needs to be noted that about 90% of the population have Aadhaar in their possession, unlike the other prescribed documents. In terms of access and availability, Aadhaar came with a distinct advantage. The exercise has seen about 65 lakh electors excluded from the rolls. Acceptance of Aadhaar could have helped many of these voters enter the list. If the argument was about the authenticity of the document, the ECI had the resources to verify it.

The top court's directive takes BLOs' discretion out of the mix, makes the process more inclusive

An element of confusion has been added to the SIR exercise with the ECI's decision to rationalise and rearrange polling booths in the state. The Commission has added 12,817 polling stations, taking their total number to 90,712. It has also brought down the number of electors in each booth from 1,500 to 1,200. The ECI has the welcome aim of easing voter access and reducing overcrowding during the elections. However, it has also shifted BLOs – this means voters who have raised grievances will now have to engage with a new set of officials. Not all documents have been digitised, and some of the BLOs will still need to verify documents available with their predecessors. This additional administrative layer will create delays and confusion, with only a fortnight left for the process to end.

Costly surveys, overlooked outcomes

The Karnataka government has decided to conduct yet another Social and Educational Survey, popularly known as 'caste census', starting September 22. This massive exercise will cover two crore households with the help of 1.65 lakh enumerators and is estimated to cost a staggering Rs 425 crore, a 156% jump from the Rs 165.5 crore spent on the previous survey. The question remains if this expenditure is justified. The earlier survey (2014-2024) conducted by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes, headed by H Kantharaj and later K Jayaprakash Hegde, was methodologically sound, but was never published because it challenged entrenched political hierarchies. Out of 50 parameters, only one pertained to caste, while the rest dealt with indicators of social and educational backwardness. Caste was not the central aim but rather a by-product of the data. The data indicated that dominant communities such as Lingayats and Vokkaligas were not as numerically strong as historically claimed, threatening their political and administrative hegemony. Predictably, resistance from these groups ensured that the report was buried, much like the Venkataswamy Commission report in the 1980s during Ramakrishna Hegde's tenure as chief minister.

Karnataka readies another caste census. Where is the reform promised in the previous surveys?

If the present survey reconfirms the same demographic shifts, it risks a similar fate. Why, then, should the state repeatedly spend hundreds of crores when the national census could easily integrate a detailed socio-educational survey? A combined exercise would not only be more economical but also less vulnerable to state-level political sabotage. The real tragedy is that political manoeuvring has delayed targeted development of the marginalised. The Jayaprakash Hegde Commission had already identified the 'most backward' groups that required urgent State support. However, these communities remain neglected because leaders are busy protecting caste dominance rather than ensuring equity. On the other hand, backward-class leaders have failed to guide their communities responsibly and educate them on how they are being deprived of their benefits, with the upper castes striving to protect their privileges.

The government's claim that this survey will be more scientific because households left out can submit details online is hardly convincing. A mechanism already exists to update the earlier survey continuously, without the enormous cost of conducting a new one. The upcoming survey may become yet another political football – an expensive ritual to placate interests rather than an instrument of reform. If the government truly believes in evidence-based policymaking, it must ensure transparency, insulate the process from pressure, and above all, act on the findings. Otherwise, Karnataka will squander Rs 425 crore only to repeat history.

BORDER CHECK

Infiltration Game: India's demographic challenge

Illegal infiltration grows when benefits outweigh costs. Legitimate pathways, better integration policies can provide answers

RAJEEV R TRIPATHI AND R SRINIVASAN

In his Independence Day speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi warned of a "well-thought-out conspiracy" to alter India's demography through illegal infiltration and announced a high-powered Demography Mission to counter it. That warning now feels particularly urgent when we look at our neighbourhood. Bangladesh's recent civil unrest has reportedly already triggered fresh waves of infiltration. Now, Nepal is facing turmoil – and unlike Bangladesh, India shares an open border with Nepal, making the risk of mass inflows immediate and real. Across the Indian subcontinent, instability has become a norm, and each crisis in our neighbourhood risks becoming a demographic burden at home. This challenge deserves a deeper examination – not just politically, but through the lenses of evolutionary game theory and complex adaptive systems (CAS).

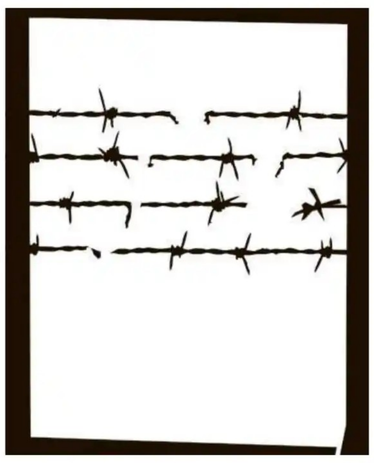
Imagine a population of small-bodied beetles. They live modestly, consuming food efficiently. Then a mutation introduces larger beetles – stronger at grabbing food, but hungrier due to higher metabolic needs. Which beetle type dominates in this population over time? The answer depends on average fitness. If the large beetles' ability to secure food outweighs their metabolic disadvantage, they multiply. If not, the small beetles remain dominant. Eventually, one trait becomes evolutionarily stable: once widespread, no rival can displace it.

Illegal infiltration in human societies follows the same dynamics. Initially, the infiltrators are small in number. Their survival depends on whether the benefits of entry – access to resources, jobs, or political patronage – exceed the penalties imposed by the host society and outweigh the risks of detection and deportation. If benefits dominate, numbers grow. If costs prevail, their presence remains marginal.

Complex adaptive systems (CAS) as a framework provides a powerful perspective to understand how societies respond to demographic shifts, especially those driven by inorganic factors such as infiltration (inwards) or migration (outwards). Nation-states seen as CAS comprise diverse and interdependent agents (communities, institutions, and individuals) that self-organise to adapt to disruptions, developing new structures, processes, and routines to maintain stability. All systems are characterised by the need to maintain their status quo, but only up to a threshold.

Evolutionary game theory highlights tipping points. Populations may look stable for years, then suddenly flip once a threshold is crossed. Small-scale infiltration is often absorbed peacefully. But beyond a threshold, newcomers may create parallel institutions – schools, neighbourhoods, political blocs – that reinforce their presence. At that point, assimilation slows, host resistance hardens, and demographic change accelerates.

India's history illustrates this. Bangladeshi migration into Assam and Bengal



since the 1970s has been gradual but sustained enough to cross thresholds, producing political upheavals such as the Assam Movement and the recent National Register of Citizens (NRC) debates. Contrast this with the Tibetan refugee influx of the 1960s: small in number, State-supported, and culturally distinct, they assimilated without upheaval.

Unlike war, which provokes immediate retaliation, infiltration exploits time horizons. Each small flow seems tolerable, but collectively they create irreversible shifts – like compound interest, but in population terms.

CAS adapt through constant restructuring: rules, roles, and norms evolve in the "new normal". Systems exhibit resilience, with the agents finding novel ways to cooperate, compete, or cohabitate, but within limits. When the stress exceeds societal adaptive capacity, turbulence follows.

Sri Lanka experienced a massive labour migration over the past few decades. With the exodus of youth seeking opportunities abroad draining the skilled workforce available within the country, institutions adapted by reshaping economic priorities. Even after the country experienced relatively stable economic growth, migration persisted, eventually straining health, education, and family structures, creating unemployment and social tensions that further fuelled unrest.

In Bangladesh, student protests that began over nepotism in civil service quotas (employment in the government with ultimate job security) rapidly evolved into a mass mobilisation against corruption, leading to political instability and regime change. What we are seeing in Nepal now mirrors what we have seen in Bangladesh – digitally-empowered youth swiftly organised and exposed the State's vulnerabilities.

In each of these cases, adaptive mechanisms (including dialogue, minor reforms, and appeasement policies) proved insufficient, as the entire system alignment had shifted irreversibly.

Enforcement and incentives

What can be done? Here too, the beetle analogy offers clues. In evolutionary terms, enforcement lowers the payoff of being a large beetle. For societies, this means stronger border security, monitoring, and deportation mechanisms. Without credible enforcement, the advantage lies with infiltrators. Enforcement alone is costly and imperfect. A more lasting solution is to alter the payoffs. If informal networks and patronage make infiltration attractive, those networks must be dismantled. Conversely, if legitimate migration pathways are strengthened, legality becomes more attractive than illegality.

Unlike beetles, humans adapt. Migrants who assimilate, adopting the host society's norms, languages, and institutions, reduce tensions and increase collective payoffs. If they cluster into exclusive blocs, the host population feels threatened, and resistance rises. Thus, integration policies matter as much as border control.

The concept of an "evolutionarily stable strategy" provides a useful test. A society is stable when small invasions cannot overturn the balance. Translated to demography, stability exists when institutions are strong enough either to prevent unauthorised inflows or to channel them into assimilation. Fragility, by contrast, arises when enforcement is weak, incentives reward infiltration, and assimilation breaks down. In such a setting, even modest inflows can accumulate into irreversible shifts.

PM Modi's warning about demographic conspiracy can be read politically. But beneath the politics lies a simpler truth: if infiltration pays, it will grow; if it costs, it will shrink. Demography is a slow-moving variable, but also the most decisive. Once the equilibrium tilts, reversal is nearly impossible. Infiltration is not loud like war; it advances quietly, compounding its force over decades. India must shape its demographic destiny by design – before drift turns into fate.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Held up at security check

Seeing my nervousness, the officer patted his metal detector a little more firmly

NAJIB SHAH

I was going on one of my routine trips and, having DigiYatraed myself, got into the Kempe Gowda International Airport swiftly. Let me hasten to add it was just a domestic trip -- so please do not get misled by the 'International' in the name of the airport.

I reached the security – and to my dismay it appeared the whole of Bengaluru had similarly opted for the DigiYatra option. I joined the queue. As I reached the x-ray machine, I realised to my horror that I had worn the wrong trousers. You see, my waist had seen better days. With age it had, unlike many others and to my absolute pride, reduced. And since I had not kept changing my perfectly alright trousers to keep pace with my waist, it needed a sturdy belt to hold it in place. What this further meant in the present situation was that I had to remove my belt for the x-ray – this also meant that my trousers were in grave danger of hitting the ground. I looked pleadingly at the security guard who was instructing everybody, "All metal objects, phones, laptops, and belts in the tray, please." He was not moved. Out went the belt, and my hand rushed to hold the poor trouser, who was also pleading with me to not let him down.

I saw with great interest a person ahead of me who appeared to be in a similar predicament. He approached the CISF officer, who patted the metal detector around his body. He then asked him to raise his hands. The person in front of me did so – he was half squatting, with his knees bent, trying to arrest the fall of the trousers. This was a technique I had no intention of adopting – this gentleman's colourful innerwear was exposed. I wanted my Andar ki Baat, as the tagline for an innerwear brand goes, to remain so. I nervously approached the officer.

I wish I too had a protocol to help me go through the security barrier like some person recently is said to have had in KIA to get contraband out. My requirements were so much more innocent. The CISF officer looked at me; my one hand was firmly clutching the trousers. He saw my nervousness and patted his metal detector a little more firmly. He asked me to raise my hands. I raised one hand. He said, "Both." He saw my balding head, greying hair, and my one hand on the trousers and understood. He smiled. He said, 'Raise the right hand,' and checked me. He said, 'Now raise the left hand.' He checked me. And gave me the all clear; I rushed to collect the belt and fasten myself.

God bless the security officer. In my nervousness I did not even notice his name – otherwise I would have named him in my piece as my tribute to the understanding and kind CISF officer. And why do we not also have a curtain in the security for gentlemen like they do for the ladies? We too deserve our privacy!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The new V-P must rise above party lines

Apropos 'New VP, necessary course correction' (Sep 11), C P Radhakrishnan's elevation as India's 15th Vice-President reflects the BJP's dual aim of ideological consolidation and regional expansion into Tamil Nadu. As a seasoned public servant with a record of cross-party cordiality, he is well-positioned for this role. However, his true test lies ahead – as Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. His predecessor's confrontational approach widened the gulf between the treasury benches and Opposition. To effect a necessary course correction, Radhakrishnan must rise above partisanship, uphold decorum, and facilitate meaningful dialogue. If he succeeds, his leadership could help restore Parliament's role as the crucible of democratic consensus.
K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

A wake-up call

I refer to 'A street revolt in restive Nepal' (Sep 11). The protests should serve as a warning to our own country, where corruption and nepotism often go hand-in-hand. Fortunately, our Constitution's edifice is strong enough to prevent a similar revolution. It is disheartening that democracy has become a casualty in Nepal at the hands of pro-monarchist forces. The protests by Gen Z groups, triggered by the ban on social media, highlighted the misdeeds of elected representatives. There is a clear parallel between those politicians and our own, who prioritise personal gain over governance.
T V Pandarinath Naidu, Kudige

Seek medical advice

Apropos 'State cracks down on dubious skin clinics amidst rising mishaps' (Sep 11), the crackdown against 'quacks' running skin clinics is a timely and badly needed step. While hoping that the authorities concerned will formulate a comprehensive action plan to tackle this menace, it would be beneficial to create awareness among people to seek medical advice from qualified medics only. It should be made mandatory for clinics to obtain authorisation certificates and display the same.
A K Shariff, Mysuru

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SPEAK OUT

Anbumani is trying to destroy the PMK. He is a misfit in politics and has acted unilaterally. Without my support, Anbumani would not have become what he is today. No one from the PMK should maintain any ties with him.

S Ramadoss, PMK founder
(On expelling his son from the party)

We know that no one ever seizes power with the intention of relinquishing it.

George Orwell

TO BE PRECISE

Automakers asked to display GST price cut posters with PM's photo
STICK TO THE LATEST PHOTO; THE OLD ONE MAY REMIND THEM OF PRE-RATE CUT DAYS!
SAKTHI KUMAR

IN PERSPECTIVE

A strategic shift in India-US ties

Trade talks need to be back on track, even as India diversifies its energy basket and engages new partners

BHASHYAM KASTURI

Three recent, unrelated developments reveal the true nature of global affairs today. The first was the military parade conducted by China to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance, which not only showcased the country's military might but also demonstrated the complete control that President Xi Jinping has on the domestic and foreign policies. The second is the thaw in India-China relations, grounded in the NSA-level meeting of the Special Representatives and the meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tianjin. The third development is the assessment that the attitude of US President Donald Trump towards India and Prime Minister Modi has drawn India closer to China. All three signal an important geopolitical shift, with Xi Jinping, for now, coming out as the clear winner.

The perception that President Trump's actions against India by imposing a 50% tariff have made India move closer to Russia and China reflects the reality of nations increasingly prioritising national interests. The position held by Modi on bilateral relations with the US is based on an understanding of the value of India-US ties and is principled on India's national interests. With his recent approach to Modi, Trump appears to be trying to make the case that he is still friends with the Indian PM, but India needs to change its attitude on trade. This, to say the least, is a crude attempt to play divide and rule and is bound to fail, even as officials in the US administration lash out at India.

In the current state of play of India-US relations, Trump tends to treat India as a third-world country and does not want to negotiate unless it is on his terms. That is what he tried to do, unsuccessfully, with Putin over Ukraine and failed. This indicates personality-driven diplomacy. Also, Trump is not interested in a partnership with India; he wants New Delhi to accept his diktats. This is an extension of the traditional US policy towards India, except in cases where it suited Washington D.C. to play along. Therefore, India must bide its time, continue to engage with the relevant individuals, and focus on deliverables that are pending, such as the aero engines.

Engines of collaboration

India also needs to restore the trade negotiations. Diplomacy has to focus on getting the talks back on track, notwithstanding the possibility of Trump dismissing all Indian proposals. Given that this venture could take time, India is better placed to diversify its energy basket with countries that are not being sanctioned by the US or the EU. It has to live with Trump's tariffs that were imposed as a tantrum and aimed to add costs. Two immediate impacts have been felt. One, in the package of GST reforms announced by the Prime Minister; the other, in the rupee/dollar rate.

Indigenisation and Transfer of Technology (ToT) are the two main pillars on which India can survive the tariff wars with the US. This is particularly important in the fields of advanced technology, including semiconductors and chip manufacturing, defence technology, and ammunition. The US is not going to budge at this stage, necessitating India's engagement with countries such as France and Japan.

Jet engines, for instance, are one area for collaboration. Japan may have its reservations about full ToT with a provision of source codes, but it will be a much more reliable bet. India has, so far, received only two GE-404 engines for the Tejas MK-1A, first ordered in 2021. The delay, ostensibly on account of irregular global supply chains, also led GE to temporarily close down the production line of F404 engines. It has since been restarted. The diversification of engines away from GE, with potential inputs from the French company Safran for the AMCA, is a smart move – this has been in the pipeline but was given effect only in the aftermath of the tariffs.

The reality before India is that it may be better to export goods to Russia and other countries, and import technology with ToT from friendly partners. The US is a 'friend', China, an 'adversary', and Russia, a 'strategic partner'. All these are phrases emerging in the new world order. 'Blow your own trumpet to move forward' is the message coming from the US. Let us do so.

(The writer is a former director of the National Security Council Secretariat)

Citizen Kane and the ghost in the newsreel

GAWTHAM JYOTHSNA

The posters for Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining* had a tagline that wasn't just about a haunted hotel; they hinted at a horror embedded in the very soil of a nation. It's that same feeling you get when you watch *Citizen Kane*, which marks its 84th anniversary this month. To watch it today is to witness a cinematic ghost story. But the ghost isn't the mystery of Rosebud; it's the forgotten political war that haunts every frame of the film.

To truly understand why this masterpiece was not just made, but had to be made, you need to see a recent film: David Fincher's *Mank*. It is the missing piece of the puzzle, the origin story of the rage and disillusionment that fuelled one of the greatest acts of rebellion in Hollywood history. It answers the question that makes *Citizen Kane* so powerful: what could make a man risk everything to write such a savage, soul-crushing story about the most powerful man in America?

To get what Fincher is doing, you have to feel the desperation in California back in the 1930s. The Great Depression had wrung the common man out like a sponge. Into this ghost town rides Upton Sinclair, the muckraking author, with an audacious campaign for governor. His vision had a name that felt like a prayer: EPIC (End Poverty In California; And no, don't confuse it with a certain four-letter acronym from our times; the irony is a bit too thick to swallow). It was a blueprint for a new society: massive public works, State-run collectives for the jobless, and a tax system that actually taxed the wealthy. For the disillusioned, it wasn't just a ray of sunshine; it was lightning in a bottle.

And the powerful decided to smash that bottle. *Mank* peels back the curtain on this forgotten war, watching capitalist giants like William Randolph Hearst do everything they could to strangle a socialist movement in its crib. They saw the EPIC campaign not as a cry for help, but as a threat to their divine right to make more money by manipulating the working class. And so, the modern smear campaign was born. Hearst's newspapers printed fictional quotes from Sinclair's novels as policy. But the real innovation came from the movie studios. Louis B Mayer of MGM used the dream factory to manufacture nightmares, producing fake newsreels where paid actors played shiftless vagrants pouring into California to live under a future "Dictator Sinclair." For audiences in the 1930s, the newsreel was truth. You never suspected the moving pictures would lie.

That playbook never went away; it just went digital. Hearst's out-of-context quotes are now doctored video clips and viral sound-bites stripped of context, designed to enrage. The paid actors have been replaced by anonymous troll farms and coordinated online mobs, creating the illusion of a grassroots movement to shout down dissent. The fear of Sinclair's "army of the poor" is the same fear stoked by algorithm-fuelled stories about political opponents coming to destroy our way of life.

But even Hearst couldn't have imagined the machine we have now. What he and Mayer did with brute force, Artificial Intelligence does with surgical precision. AI is the perfection of their manipulative dream. It can create deepfakes so real they are impossible to doubt. It can generate millions of targetted, personalised messages to prey on individual fears, creating a "tide of terror" that feels completely real because it was designed specifically for you. The fake newsreel was a weapon of mass destruction; propaganda-by-algorithm is a smart bomb aimed directly at your psyche.

This is why you must understand *Mank* to fully grasp the fury of *Citizen Kane*. The film shows us its writer, Herman Mankiewicz, watching this whole rotten spectacle from inside Hearst's castle. When he finally writes Kane, it's not just a job; it's an act of revenge. He isn't just telling a story about a rich man; he's exposing the soul of the very system that crushed a democratic movement. He takes the weapon they invented – the moving picture – and fires it back at them.

When you watch *Citizen Kane* after seeing *Mank*, it transforms. It's no longer just a classic film; it's the final, desperate broadcast from a man who saw the machine being built and tried to warn us. The great paradox is that the world hasn't changed. Smear campaigns and the manipulation of the masses still exist; they've just gotten better at it. But Fincher's film reminds us of something extraordinary. It shows that these fascist symptoms existed even then. And just as Albert Camus knew, it also shows us that flawed individuals like Mank existed, too. They are not our postcard leaders. But in the moments that matter, they find a way to rise. They find a way to fight back.

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The hurried revision has neither stirred a groundswell in Bihar nor confirmed unauthorised voters, but signs of the BJP's polarising strategy are visible

SATISH JHA

In a Scheduled Caste village in Bihar's Madhepura district, residents were unaware of the SIR process and spoke about the difficulties they faced in obtaining documents. This being a flood-prone area, many villagers had lost important papers and valuables in past floods. DH PHOTO

The uncertain harvest of SIR

Nearly two months into the legal battle against the Election Commission of India's (ECI) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll in Bihar, the Supreme Court on Monday directed the ECI to accept the Aadhaar card as the 12th document certifying the identity of voters. The ECI had earlier refused to recognise it as valid identity proof, forcing lakhs of people to scramble for certificates they did not possess. The Court's directive will have wider implications whenever the Commission undertakes SIR across the country.

Back in Bihar, however, a lot of water has already flown over the past two months. The SIR has turned into a political slugfest between the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the I.N.D.I.A. bloc led by the Congress. The BJP has defended the ECI's move as an exercise to weed out illegal foreigners, while the Congress has denounced it as a strike against people's constitutional right to vote.

In eastern Bihar's Seemanchal region, comprising districts such as Purnia, Araria, Khagadia and Kishanganj, and in the northern districts of Madhubani and Sitamarhi, there were voices in support of the SIR. Many said it was needed to "find out illegal Bangladeshi and Pakistani nationals." Although they complained about the limited time given, they believed that SIR had been launched with good intent.

On a breezy August afternoon, a group of villagers were playing the card game Twenty Eight – a popular pastime in north Bihar. With the paddy transplantation season nearly over, agrarian life had entered a brief lull, offering farmers some respite before the demanding phase of crop care began. This would include maintaining water supply, managing weeds, and ensuring young plants grew strong with regular applications of fertilisers and pesticides.

The group sat under the shade of a sprawling banyan tree, taller than the embankment of the Kamla River flowing down from Nepal. On one side of the embankment lay their village, with houses scattered across the landscape; on the other stretched a vast expanse of paddy fields, their green stalks standing in sunlit, stagnant water. The men pointed out that these were floodwaters that refused to recede, slowly damaging the young crop -- a perennial worry in this region.

A casual question about their views on the Special Intensive Revision immediately changed the mood. Each man straightened up, quickly tucking his cards away as eyes shifted to the camera and microphone.

"*Sarkar kar rahi hai toh thika hi hoga. Kuch soch ke shuru kiye honge! Kagaz mange the, jo hamne de diye. Samasya bhi huyee...samasya hai toh uska hal bhi hai. Isme khoj toh kagaz ki thi...*", (If the government is doing it, it must be right. They must have given it thought. We gave them the paper they asked for. There were some problems; there were also solutions. This exercise was about paper), said Sewa Ram Yadav in a philosophical tone. But his card partner was less forgiving, having had to run around to procure documents for his daughter-in-law, who is originally from across the border in Nepal.

The SIR exercise across the eight districts – Begusarai, Purnea, Khagadia, Kishanganj, Madhepura, Madhubani, Sitamarhi and Muzaffarpur -- revealed a similar pattern of hardship and frustration among people, though without much open protest against the government. In Jainagar, a small town on the India-Nepal border in the Madhubani district, a group of women undergoing tailoring training echoed the same sentiments.

One of them, visibly agitated, questioned why women from Nepal married to Indian men on this side of the border were being asked to furnish documents to prove their citizenship. She argued that the government should have made provisions for issuing such certificates directly, instead of forcing them to run from pillar to post. Another woman in the group, however, supported the exercise, saying it would identify foreigners and that only Pakistanis or Bangladeshis would have a problem.

In Kishanganj, which has the highest concentration of Muslims, people were scrambling to get their names listed on the electoral roll. They were particularly struggling to obtain residential certificates, one of the 11 documents listed by the ECI as mandatory to prove citizenship and status as a genuine Indian voter. There was a massive backlog in issuing these certificates, particularly in the Muslim-populated areas of the district.

Similarly, in Dalit and Mahadalit hamlets across these districts, confusion prevailed over whether their names had been added or not. A number of migrant labourers encountered in these localities were clueless about the exercise. But in these districts, there was no significant groundswell in favour of the opposition's "vote-theft" narratives.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's 1,300-km Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar against the ECI's Special Intensive Revision of the electoral roll is reported to have created a buzz in political circles. His march, which concluded in Patna on September 1, is said to have injected life into an otherwise moribund Congress ahead of the Assembly elections.

Against the backdrop of the controversial SIR and allegations of "vote theft", the Bihar Assembly election is drawing close. The mass deletion of voters -- 65 lakh, according to ECI -- has given the chief opposition party, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), its partner Congress, and other allies fresh momentum to hit the streets.

Rahul Gandhi's *yatra* is seen as an attempt to recreate the "Save Constitution" moment, reminiscent of the one that attracted significant support from the Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes in the recent past, particularly in the 2024 general election, when Congress improved its tally from 54 seats in 2019 to 99.

Through the yatra, Rahul Gandhi is said to have sought to evoke similar sentiments among voters, with the central message being that the ECI and the BJP-led government were trying to strip people of their constitutional right to vote through SIR.

The BJP, the largest party in the NDA government in Bihar, is said to be somewhat shaken by the crowds the yatra drew. The party is also reportedly uneasy about Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's diminishing popularity and the glaring void in its own state leadership.

Over the last couple of months, political consultant-turned-politician Prashant Kishor has targeted three top leaders of BJP -- Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary, state president Dilip Kumar Jaiswal and Health Minister Mangal Pandey -- over alleged corruption, creating further trouble for the ruling party's state leadership. Interestingly, however, SIR as an issue has been absent from his campaign.

As of now, it appears that the SIR has not worked in the ruling party's favour, though the opposition has also failed to create a mass movement against it. On the ground, people did complain about the short timeframe but have largely supported the exercise. It is expected that as elections draw closer, the BJP will rake up the SIR issue and spin the narrative along communal lines.

The party is likely to tap into the widespread perception that the SIR was meant to detect "Muslim Bangladeshis and Pakistanis" who had allegedly settled illegally and altered the region's demography. BJP leaders, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, have already begun attacking the Congress for opposing the SIR, accusing it of trying to protect *ghuspaithiyas* (illegal infiltrators), who they claim form its votebank.

On the ground, even the vocal supporters of opposition parties, including the RJD, admitted that the SIR was justified as a way to remove foreigners from the voters' list, in addition to other anomalies such as names of deceased persons or those who had migrated.

While there has not been a single report confirming the detection of illegal foreigners, this is unlikely to prevent the BJP and its supporters from spinning the narratives around the supposed demographic change caused by migrants. The communal undertone is expected to be spun aggressively as the election approaches. The test for the opposition will be whether it can frame its political narrative around the SIR strongly enough to withstand the BJP's formidable machinery turning it into the main polarising issue.

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Mediation Act lost in government inaction

P MADHAVA RAO

The Supreme Court of India proposed standalone legislation on mediation more than five years ago, citing the mounting backlog of cases and the nature of many civil disputes that can be amicably resolved without judicial intervention. But the fate of the Mediation Act, 2023, remains uncertain.

The speed with which the Act was passed by both Houses of Parliament gives little indication of the government's intention to fully implement it. This is despite the Union law minister often invoking the Mahabharata, Sri Krishna's failed mediation attempts, and India's long tradition of mediation as part of its social value system.

In January 2020, the Supreme Court appointed senior mediator Niranjan Bhat to lead a commission to draft legislation on mediation. The draft was submitted to the government, which placed it in the public domain for feedback on November 5, 2021. Soon after, on December 20, 2021, the Mediation Bill, 2021, was introduced in the Rajya Sabha and referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law, and Justice for study and report on December 22, 2021.

The committee sought feedback from a wide range of stakeholders, including government officials, lawyers, mediators, and institutions. To gather more detailed comments and deepen consultations, it published a news release and paid study visits to Chennai, Bengaluru, and Mumbai, where it engaged with high court judges, bar councils, and mediation institutions. This extensive outreach was aimed at ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the Bill's implications.

Nearly four years after the SC's original recommendation, the Bill -- with Cabinet revisions -- was passed by the Rajya Sabha on August 1, 2023, and the Lok Sabha on August 7, 2023. It received the President's approval and was published in the official Gazette on September 15, 2023, as the Mediation Act, 2023 (Act). Since then, however, it has languished on the ministry's shelf, unimplemented for two years.

The Act's purpose and intention are to encourage and facilitate mediation, particularly institutional mediation, for the resolution of civil and commercial disputes; to mandate pre-institutional mediation in commercial disputes; to enforce mediated settlement agreements; to establish a body for the registration of mediators; to encourage community mediation; to make online mediation an acceptable and cost-effective process; and to address matters related to or incidental thereto.

The court-annexed mediation facilities have gained both renown and notoriety over the years, and the courts and governments are now in need of mediation institutions to operate at the national, subnational, and community levels. The philosophy behind the act's enactment was attracting the attention of interested national and international NGOs, societies, and law firms to establish institutional mediation service centres; however, the government's intentions behind the act's non-operationalisation even after two years of enactment and budget releases in successive budgets are unknown.

The Mediation for the Nation, a 90-day mediation drive launched on July 1, 2025, by the Supreme Court's Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) and the National Legal Service Authority (NALSA), is ending on September 30, and no one knows what its impact and successes have been.

No mediation institutions in the country, which were originally consulted for conceptualising, drafting and finalising the Mediation Act, 2023, engaged in the 90-day mediation drive for the simple reason that their existence must be recognised by the Mediation Council of India in order to be a mediation service provider within the meaning of the act.

The number of cases in court is not waiting for the government to fully implement the Mediation Act and empower mediation service providers to assist people in conflicts. While writing this article, the National Judicial Data Grid reported a total case burden on Indian courts of 4.77 crore, with 3.66 crore being criminal cases and 1.11 crore being civil cases, with 16.71 lakh criminal and 9.77 lakh civil cases instituted the day before.

The government, legislators, courts, NGOs, and everyone understand how critical it is now to fully operationalise institutional mediation in order to increase access to swift justice and ensure that disputes are resolved peacefully. The ball is now in the government's court.

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OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: SEPTEMBER 1975

Land Reforms Act made more stringent

Bangalore, September 11
Landowners who had possessed lands on November 18, 1961 in excess of the ceilings fixed under the Land Reforms Act (10 acres irrigated land, 20 acres rain-fed lands and 40 acres dry lands) are also now asked to file declarations along with the details of the sale of lands, if any, within three months, according to an Ordinance issued by the Governor here today. As now under the Act, only landowners who possessed surplus lands on or after March 1, 1974, are asked to file declarations.

25 YEARS AGO: SEPTEMBER 2000

Govt hints at hike in oil prices

New Delhi, Sept 11
Even as the OPEC decided to increase crude production by eight lakh barrels per day to curb abnormal rise in international crude prices, Petroleum Minister Ram Naik today indicated that any decision regarding hike in prices of petroleum products would be taken only after the return of Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee from the US. "Only after return of Mr Vajpayee and Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha from the US will the government look into the issue of revision of prices of petroleum products," he said.

OASIS | ADITI PANT

You only lose what you cling to

It happened gradually, then all at once. One day she was standing in the kitchen, telling us about her graduation event; the next, her room was hers only in theory – a curated museum of the life she lived here. Her childhood, frozen in boxes, drawers, notebooks, and the corners of the closet she forgot to empty. I saw her old dolls; I laughed, and I cried. Both in the same breath.

Each object was a tether to a memory, some joyful, some painful. What struck me most wasn't just the passage of time, but the intensity with which life had been lived in those little moments: fragments of childhood both fleeting and eternal.

Her room was a love letter, one she might want to read whenever she returns; and return she will, in footsteps or phone calls, in laughter over meals during holidays, in stories that start with "Remember when..."

And then came the hardest part: deciding what to keep and what to let go. There is no manual for letting go of the people you raised, no single moment that says, "It's time now."

Instead, there is a room, a quiet Saturday, and a choice to either mourn what was or honour it and then gently let it go. "We've done our part," I thought. She's living her story now.

This bittersweet gravity pulled me forward.

In the space our children leave behind when they leave for college or work, there is room for something unexpected: a softening... first acknowledging that purpose has been served, second honouring it, and then releasing it.

This letting go extends to other facets of our life. Holding on feels safe, but releasing things at the right time, once the purpose has been served, is liberating. You have to trust that the universe will provide, that everything is and will continue to unfold as it should. Letting go is not forcefully pushing things away but relinquishing control, contraction, yearning, and resistance.

There is power in surrender; it frees you and also whatever and whoever it is you're letting go. Freedom is a prerequisite for peace and happiness. In letting go, you will lose many things from the past, but trust that you will find yourself and what really matters in the future.

The world begins to soften because you have.

Hosur airport location identified, says TN CM

To be built on about 2,200 acres between Bagalur and Berigai

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
HOSUR (TN), DHNS

Chief Minister M K Stalin on Thursday 570announced that his government has identified a location in Krishnagiri district to build an airport for this burgeoning industrial city, located just outside Bengaluru. The Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) has set in motion the process of identifying and acquiring land for the ambitious project.

Though Stalin did not mention the exact location in his speech at the TN Rising Investment Conclave here, it is believed that the airport will be built on about 2,200 acres between Bagalur and Berigai, northeast of Hosur. *DH* had reported on August 23 that the Tamil Nadu government has chosen Berigai-Bagalur for the Hosur airport, which is expected to handle about 3 crore passengers a year.

"We are attaching utmost importance to the Hosur airport project. I had announced (on June 27, 2024) that we will build a world-class international airport for Hosur. TIDCO is in the process of identifying and acquiring land near Hosur for the airport. This airport, when commissioned, will put Hosur on a new path of development," Stalin said at the conclave.

Berigai-Bagalur was chosen as an Obstacle Limitation Surface survey favoured the location over Belagondapalli, where a private airport operated by Taneja Aerospace and Aviation Limited is located.

The two sites were shortlisted from five locations initially studied by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) last year. An exclusive airport for Hosur has been a long-standing demand of industries in the city, who are confident that the project will be successful not only for passenger traffic, but also for freight.

A top government source told *DH* that the location was also chosen due to its proximity to the Tamil Nadu section of the Bengaluru Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR). The new airport will also be closer to many parts of Bengaluru and is located on the Tamil Nadu-Karnataka border, benefiting people from both states.

The source added that TIDCO and the Krishnagiri district administration are currently preparing the Land Development Plan (LDP) for the project.

"The plan will identify the exact land requirement for the project and methods for acquisition. We require about 2,200 to 2,300 acres. Once this is complete, the plan will be sent to the government for administrative sanction, following which a Government Order (GO) will be issued," the source said.

"Once the GO is issued, the land acquisition will begin," another source added, noting that at the same time, TIDCO will also start work on applying for site clearance for the project. The second source said the preliminary work will take about three months, after which land acquisition is expected to start.

Stay vigilant to dengue, malaria cases: Centre to states

NEW DELHI, PTI: With water stagnation following recent rains creating breeding sites, Union Health Minister J P Nadda has issued an advisory to all chief ministers and asked state health ministers to prepare action plans within 20 days for effective control of dengue and malaria.

Nadda reviewed the dengue and malaria situation in the country at a meeting on Wednesday.

During the review, he urged states, local bodies and communities to intensify preventive and control measures, particularly during this high-risk period, to safeguard public health and sustain the gains made in reducing the burden of vector-borne diseases, a health ministry statement said.

Nadda stressed the need for urgent and coordinated action against vector-borne diseases.

He advised state health ministers to personally review the situation and prepare action plans within 20 days, while Municipal Corporations, Panchayats and local bodies were asked to intensify community awareness drives, the statement said.

Hospitals, including those under the Centre, must ensure adequate drugs, diagnostics, beds and mosquito-free premises.

India urges Russia to end hiring of Indians into military

NEW DELHI, PTI

India on Thursday urged its citizens to stay away from offers to join the Russian Army and demanded Moscow to end its practice of recruiting Indians as support staff into the Russian military.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said it has taken up the matter with Russian authorities, both in Delhi and Moscow.

New Delhi's move came following reports that some Indians on student and business visas were forced into joining Russian military units deployed on the frontlines of the war in Ukraine.

The ministry cautioned its Indian nationals to not take offers to join the Russian military in view of the inherent "risks and dangers" involved.

"We have seen reports about Indian nationals having been recruited recently into the Russian army," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

"The government has on several occasions over the past one year underlined the risks and dangers inherent in this course of action and cautioned Indian citizens accordingly," he said.

Jaiswal was responding to media queries on the issue.

"We have also taken up the matter with Russian authorities, both in Delhi and Moscow, asking that this practice be ended and that our nationals be released. We are also in touch with the families of the affected Indian citizens," he said.

"We once again strongly urge all Indian nationals to stay away from any offers to join the Russian army as this is a course fraught with danger," Jaiswal added. It is not immediately known the number of Indian nationals recruited by the Russian military in recent months.

According to official details, 126 Indians were recruited by the Russian military in the past, and 12 were killed. Ninety-six Indians were released by Russian authorities, and 16 were categorised as missing.

Woman stabbed to death by domestic helpers in Hyderabad

S N V SUDHIR
HYDERABAD, DHNS

In a gruesome incident, two domestic workers allegedly murdered their employer in her own home in a gated community in Kukatpally here while attempting to rob her on Wednesday evening.

The incident came to light on Thursday. The victim, Renu Agarwal, who was alone at home, was killed by her house help, Harsh, and his accomplice Roshan, employed in a neighbouring house, according to the police.

Both men, aged 20 years, had been residing in the same gated community where they worked. The forensic examination revealed more than 20 knife wounds on Renu's body.

"It appears she (the woman) was tortured by the suspects to find out where the money was kept (in the residence), and in the process, she was killed," the official said based on preliminary investigation.

Police said both suspects were originally from Jharkhand.

Kukatpally ACP Ravikiran Reddy said that fingerprint evidence found at the scene matched both suspects, and CCTV footage provided conclusive proof of their involvement.

Despite the perpetrators' belief that the household contained substantial wealth, given that the Agarwals had a big steel business, family members reported that no gold was actually missing from inside the house.

The accused only managed to steal the five tolas of gold jewellery Renu was wearing at the time of the attack, along with an estimated Rs 50,000 in cash.

Police recovered two murder weapons, scissors, a pressure cooker, and blood-stained clothing abandoned by the fleeing suspects. Police deployed five specialised teams, with one unit travelling to Jharkhand, as part of the manhunt.

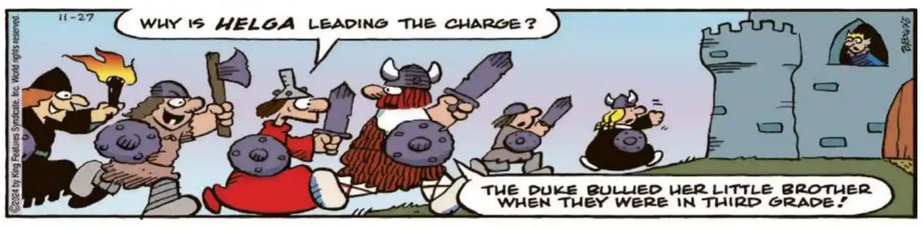
MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

Blondie

EXCUSE ME, I THINK YOU BROUGHT ME THE WRONG CHICKEN DINNER
YEAH, THESE ARE LITTLE CHICKEN NUGGETS IN THE SHAPE OF DINOSAURS AND STARS
OH, I'M SORRY, SIR! I'LL BRING THE CORRECT MEAL RIGHT AWAY
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'LL JUST KEEP THIS...IT LOOKS WAY MORE FUN!

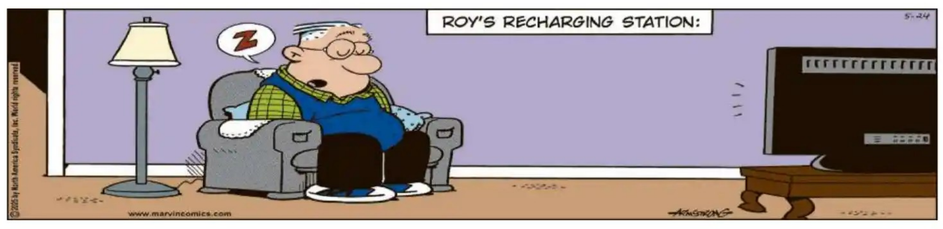
Hagar The Horrible



Beetle Bailey

Peanuts

Marvin



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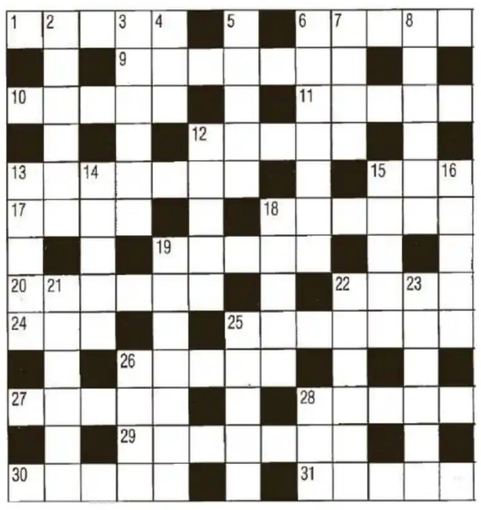

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 Pass the intersection (5)
6 Put away with a quiet cry of pain (5)
9 Encourage to listen to a number (7)
10 Doing, more or less (5)
11 One of a pair of Londoners starting for New York (5)
12 In America, a place of cheer (5)
13 A ton at a time (7)
15 Water meadow (3)
17 She may open up enlighteningly (4)
18 Considering what filmgoers are doing (6)
19 Not horse-flies, but they worry some mustangs (5)
20 Army band (6)
22 Something infesting rope, string, etc.? (4)
24 Shelter thus endlessly rebuilt (3)
25 Such a settlement can provide the little woman with cover (7)
26 Is his name unknown outside the capital ofTurkey? (5)
27 Aimed to use a low tee (5)
28 Glamorgan boy? (5)
29 Deadly dull outside, perhaps (7)
30 Called for some baskets on Dec. 1st (5)
31 One guilty of timely procrastination? (5)

DOWN
2 Series of games apt to cause friction (6)
3 Collisions on the railway? (6)
4 Clique of match-makers? (3)
5 In this lane, it's not raining for about half an hour (5)
6 Little change (7)
7 Stone, as from Saxony maybe (4)
8 Preferred to go to church with a broken nose (6)
12 That which is borne can be burnt (5)
13 See a measure as a sure-fire success (5)
14 Thing broken in the darkness (5)
15 Survivor from the abattoir? (5)
16 It's hard, getting an article at gun-point (5)
18 It can keep the flies out of your drink (5)
19 Allowed an old lady to take a little boy (7)
21 KO shots? (6)
22 It helps to fertilise some potatoes, on the quiet (6)
23 Rare? Hardly! (6)
25 Name of a delta or island (5)
26 Possibly a net amount of money (4)
28 Objection to a rise in tube fares (3

ACROSS
1 Sharp (5)
6 Card game (5)
9 Egyptian king (7)
10 Weasel-like mammal (5)
11 Banquet (5)
12 Conceited (5)
13 Obedient (7)
15 Colour (3)
17 Of the ear (4)
18 Ripen (6)
19 Month (5)
20 Painfully (6)
22 Secure (4)
24 Epoch (3)
25 Scary film (7)
26 Lawful, informally (5)
27 Shoulder movement (5)
28 Faint (5)
29 Umpire (7)
30 Finished (5)
31 Salvers (5)

DOWN
2 Eliminate (3,3)
3 Very sad (6)
4 Consume (3)
5 Gemstone (5)
6 Denial (7)
7 Second-hand (4)
8 Control (6)
12 Young dog (5)
13 Extinguish (5)
14 Jewelled headdress (5)
15 Rustic (5)
16 Postpone (5)
18 Power (5)
19 Suggested (7)
21 Parentless child (6)
22 Less quick (6)
23 Crime (6)
25 Apple drink (5)
26 Entice (4)
28 Ready (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12244

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 4, B-emus-e 7, Calf love 8, G-Ann-et 10, Up-ton 13, Fun-k 14, Be(tt)er 15, Sin-G 16, Bib 17, Iced 19, Eton 21, Roundelay 23, Bent 24, Loss 26, Fed 27, O-pen 29,Thin 32, Pu-RR 33, Hy-Ena 34, M-in-ute 35, Star-t-urn 36, Cens-us.
DOWN: 1, Scrub 2, Plate 3, Glen 4, Beg-UN 5, Monk 6, Ste-p in 9, Angels 11, Peg 12, Orion 13, Fiddler 15, Sen 16, Boy 18, Cut out 20,T-asty 21, Red 22, Eon 23, Be-side 25, Yin 28, Press 30, He-t up 31, Nanny 32, Pu-SS 33, H-arm.

EASY
ACROSS: 4, Forest 7, Anaconda 8,Target 10, Edict 13, Bare 14, Menu 15, Calm 16, Wet 17, Roof 19, Opal 21, Plus fours 23, Post 24, Lure 26, Dip 27, Seer 29, Epic 32, Pens 33, Snarl 34, Cadets 35, Unbeaten 36, Gentle.
DOWN: 1, Harem 2, Cabin 3, Cost 4, Fatal 5, Rare 6, Shekel 9, Armour 11, Dew 12, Curls 13, Baffles 15, Cos 16, Was 18, Outset 20, Preen 21, Pop 22, Our 23, Pirate 25, Sir 28, Ensue 30, Pasta 31, Clone 32, Peat 33, Shed.

◆SU-DO-KU-6699◆

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very hard

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5	7	8	6	3	9	4	1	2
3	4	2	8	5	7	1	9	6
8	5	1	4	9	6	2	3	7
7	9	6	3	1	2	8	5	4

SOLUTION TO 6698

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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O1 A1 R1 R1 P3 T1 I1	Double Word Score	RACK 1
S1 R1 O1 U1 C3 S1 N1		RACK 2
E1 E1 E1 S1 B3 D2 D2	Triple Word Score	RACK 3
I1 G2 H4 R1 N1 I1 S1	1st Letter Triple	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 180-190
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

E1 A1 R1 N1 E1 S1 T1	RACK 1 =	59
P3 A1 R1 T1 N1 E1 R1	RACK 2 =	59
F4 R1 E1 E1 D2 O1 M3	RACK 3 =	63
P3 E1 N1 S1 I1 V4 E1	RACK 4 =	86
PAR SCORE 175-185	JUDD'S TOTAL	267

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Now that everyone's on the highway, we wanted the space.
You can't even tell there was a billboard here.
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THE DILAPIDATED ROADSIDE BILLBOARD WAS TAKEN DOWN, AND NOW THERE WAS ---

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Answer: The fish was small, so she released it back into the water and said — CATCH YOU LATER

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HITORI-3153

5	5	6	1	4	7	7	2
8	1	6	6	6	4	5	7
5	6	4	6	2	6	8	3
6	3	2	4	1	7	5	8
2	6	5	5	7	5	3	6
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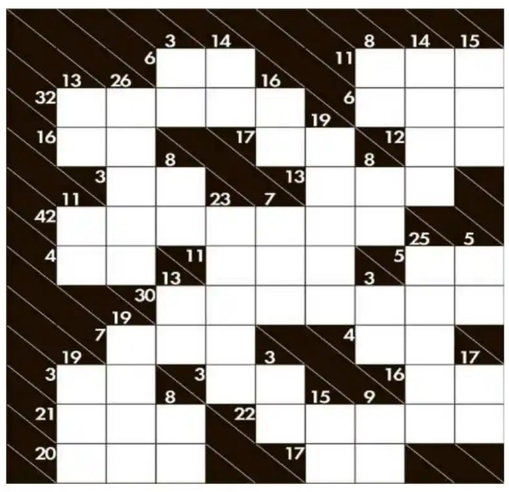
SOLUTION TO 3152

■	8	7	6	4	5	3	■
6	1	■	2	3	■	5	8
1	■	8	■	2	3	■	6
5	6	2	3	■	1	8	■
■	5	6	■	1	8	■	2
4	■	5	8	■	2	6	7
7	2	■	4	8	6	■	1
■	3	1	5	■	4	7	■

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3153



SOLUTION TO 3152

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3674

■	3	2	7					■
	4		8			7	■	
		■		1	6	■		
			■		3		6	
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SOLUTION TO 3673

1	4	5	3	8	2	6	7	9
8	7	9	1	6	4	2	3	5
6	2	3	7	9	5	8	4	1
5	8	1	9	7	6	3	2	4
4	3	6	2	5	1	7	9	8
2	9	7	4	3	8	1	5	6
9	6	2	5	1	7	4	8	3
3	1	4	8	2	9	5	6	7
7	5	8	6	4	3	9	1	2

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

More of the world's children now obese than underweight: Unicef

India to have 27 mn overweight kids, adolescents by 2030

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NEW DELHI, DHNS

Obesity has now overtaken underweight as the more dominant form of malnutrition among school-age children and adolescents globally, according to a new study.

Unicef's Child Nutrition Report 2025 also found that low- and middle-income countries are witnessing the steepest rise in overweight among school-age children and adolescents. In India, there has been a rapid surge in overweight and obesity among children under five, with prevalence rising by 127% between 2005–06 (NFHS-3) and 2019–21 (NFHS-5).

The study found that globally, one in 20 kids under 5 years, which accounts for 5% of the entire population of children, and one in five children and adolescents aged 5–19 years, which accounts for 20%, are overweight. Since 2000, the number of children aged 5–19 years who are overweight has doubled from 194 million to 391 million. In South Asia, which had the lowest prevalence of overweight adolescents in 2000, the rate increased almost fivefold by 2022.

"Obesity accounts for a growing share of all overweight cases. In 2022, 42% of all children and adolescents aged 5–19 years living with overweight had obesity (163 million out of 391 million), up from 30% in 2000 (58 million out of 194 million)," the study found.

In India, citing NFHS data, the report states that obesity among adolescent children has risen by 125% — from 2.4% to 5.4%. Among overweight children, the increase has been 288% (from 1.7% to 6.6%). Among adults, obesity prevalence rose by 91% in women (from 12.6% to 24%) and 146% in men (from 9.3% to 22.9%), highlighting a nationwide health crisis.

HEALTH CRISIS

- One in five adolescents globally overweight
- One in 20 kids under 5 years of age overweight
- Low- and middle-income countries see steepest rise
- Study flags fivefold rise in South Asia
- Ultraprocessed foods drive unhealthy consumption patterns

India is expected to be home to over 27 million children and adolescents (aged 5 to 19 years) living with obesity by 2030, accounting for 11% of the global burden, the report states.

"With this high level of media exposure and easy access to unhealthy food, India is also following the same global trend with a rapid rise in children and adolescents with overweight and obesity. The country is beginning to face the triple burden of malnutrition — stunting & wasting, micronutrient deficiencies and obesity — often coexisting in the same family or even the same person. India has a unique opportunity to act now to prevent overweight and obesity in children," Marie-Claude Desilets, Chief of Nutrition at Unicef India, said.

The study found that inexpensive ultraprocessed foods and the unethical practices of the industry had led to a surge in their consumption.

The UN body has made a host of suggestions, including the implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes and subsequent World Health Assembly resolutions to protect and promote breastfeeding, which includes digital marketing of breastmilk alternatives.

Kerala reports sixth death from brain-eating infection

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS: One more person undergoing treatment for amoebic meningoencephalitis in Kerala died on Thursday, raising the death toll over the past month to six.

Ten people remain under treatment after testing positive for the rare disease, commonly known as the "brain-eating infection", which spreads through nasal exposure to contaminated water.

Shaji (47), a resident of Chelembra in Malappuram district, died at Kozhikode Medical College Hospital. He had been receiving treatment since August 9.

Most of the recent cases have been reported from north Kerala. The state government had conducted well chlorination drives to curb the spread of the infection.

Amoebic meningoencephalitis has a global mortality rate exceeding 95%, but the fatality rate in Kerala has been notably lower. A key reason is that most infections reported in the state fall under the Granulomatous Amoebic Encephalitis (GAE) category, which is less acute than Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis caused by Naegleria fowleri.

So far, 42 cases of amoebic meningoencephalitis have been reported in Kerala this year, with a total of eight deaths.

HAL receives 3rd GE engine for Tejas Mk-1A fighter

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Hindustan Aeronautics Limited on Thursday said it has received the third F-404 engine from General Electric for Tejas Light Combat Aircraft Mk-1A and a fourth one is expected by the month end, accelerating the production process for the indigenous combat jets.

"HAL has received the third GE404 engine for LCA MK-1A. One more engine is scheduled to be delivered by the end of September 2025. Engine supply chain improvement will pave the way for LCA Mk-1A aircraft deliveries," the company said in a brief statement.

The Bengaluru-based aviation major has readied 10 aircraft and the first two aircraft are likely to be handed over to the IAF shortly after weapon trials. One of the two aircraft will be the first one to come out of HAL's new production line at Nashik.

These engines are required for the Rs 45,000 crore deal that the Defence Ministry had signed in 2021 with HAL to supply 83 LCA Tejas Mk-1A to the IAF.

The indigenous manufacturing of LCA Tejas Mk-1A was stalled for nearly two years due to GE's failure to supply the engines in time. The delivery resumed earlier this year, and the first engine came in March, followed by another one in July.

Car owner issued challan for 'not wearing helmet' in UP

GHAZIABAD, PTI: A car owner in Ghaziabad was issued a challan for "not wearing a helmet" in an apparent mix-up, with the police acknowledging a "human error" on Thursday, stating that they will investigate the matter.

The challan, issued on Monday, mentioned a two-wheeler offence but displayed the photo of a car.

A traffic sub-inspector had clicked the photo of the car parked in a no-parking zone, but it was inadvertently affixed to a challan meant for a two-wheeler violation, officials added.

India to help Mauritius monitor Chagos

The two sides to push trade in local currency

LUCKNOW/ NEW DELHI, DHNS

India will help Mauritius develop and monitor the Chagos Islands — an archipelago that the Indian Ocean nation recently regained from the United Kingdom, and which will continue to have a United States military base on its largest island, Diego Garcia.

PM Narendra Modi with his Mauritius counterpart Navinchandra Ramgoolam in Varanasi. PTI

As the two nations' prime ministers, Narendra Modi and Navinchandra Ramgoolam, met in Varanasi on Thursday, India pledged to support Mauritius' plans for the Chagos Maritime Protection Area's development and surveillance.

The move is expected to give India a strategic edge in the wake of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy's increasing forays in the Indian Ocean.

The two sides are also expected to work on trading in the local currency even as India reportedly plans several infrastructure projects, including hospitals and ATC towers at the SSR International Airport, in the island nation.

New Delhi and Port Louis agreed on India building a satellite-tracking station in Mauritius that would also turn into a strategic asset for India. The two sides also renewed a pact for India's support for hydrographic surveys in Mauritius' Exclusive Economic Zone.

India also agreed to provide about $680 million in economic assistance to Mauritius for healthcare, infrastructure, and maritime-security projects.

The delegations of the two countries discussed cooperation in the fields of science, technology, health, and cultural relations. India also pledged its support for the redevelopment and restructuring of ports in Mauritius.

'First responder'

Modi told journalists after meeting Ramgoolam: "India has always stood as the first responder and a net security provider in the Indian Ocean region."

The Chagos Islands were originally a part of Mauritius. However, just three years before Mauritius gained independence from the UK, London detached the archipelago. The UK then leased Diego Garcia, the largest of the islands, to the US for a British-American military base.

The International Court of Justice in 2019 ruled that the UK's control over the Islands was illegal and that the archipelago should be returned to Mauritius.

After a long delay, a transfer agreement was signed in May with the provision that the island of Diego Garcia would be leased back to the UK for at least 99 years, so that the joint military base could remain operational.

Daily parcel train brings relief to J&K apple growers amid highway shutdown

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The Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's announcement to start a daily parcel train from Kashmir to Delhi has come as a lifeline for apple growers and traders who have been pushed to the brink by the prolonged closure of the Srinagar–Jammu National Highway (NH-44).

Vaishnaw announced that from September 13, a time-tabled parcel train will operate from Budgam to Adarsh Nagar in Delhi, ensuring direct access to the national capital's Azadpur Mandi.

The Press Information Bureau said the train will depart Budgam at 6.15 am and reach Delhi at 5 am the following day, offering a faster alternative to choked highway.

The announcement has been greeted with relief in Kashmir's fruit belts, where orchardists have been counting mounting losses. The Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers Cum Dealers Union (KVFGDU) estimates that the highway shutdown has caused losses of nearly Rs 700 crore this season alone.

Workers load apple boxes onto a special train to transport fruits from Kashmir Valley to Delhi following the prolonged closure of the Srinagar-Jammu highway due to heavy rains, at Budgam Railway Station on Thursday. PTI

"Hundreds of trucks carrying apples are stuck on the highway, sometimes for a week. By the time the fruit reaches Delhi, it has either rotted or fetched throwaway prices," said Ghulam Rasool, an orchardist from south Kashmir's Pulwama. "This train is a ray of hope for us."

Traders, too, say they have been battered by the crisis. "Freight charges have become unsustainable. When a truck is stranded for days, fuel and labour costs pile up," said Bashir Dar, an apple trader. "If the railways can guarantee on-time delivery, both farmers and traders will benefit."

Apple cultivation is the backbone of Kashmir's rural economy, engaging nearly 3.5 million people directly and indirectly. The Valley produces over 20 lakh metric tonnes of apples annually, contributing nearly 8% to J&K's GDP.

When the crop suffers, it sets off a ripple effect across the entire economy — from orchardists and packers to transporters and traders. "This sector is our lifeline. Without reliable connectivity, everything collapses," said Bashir Ahmad Basheer, President of KVFGDU. "We had been pleading with the government for a dependable transport alternative. This train could be a game changer."

The Srinagar–Jammu highway has for decades been the Valley's fragile umbilical cord, frequently blocked by landslides, rains, and snow. With the completion of the Katra-Banihal rail link, Kashmir now has its first all-weather land route to rest of country.

SC refuses urgent hearing on India-Pak Asia Cup match

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to consider a plea for urgent listing of a petition seeking the cancellation of the upcoming Asia Cup cricket match between India and Pakistan, scheduled to take place on September 14.

A counsel raised the matter before a bench of Justices J K Maheshwari and Vijay Bishnoi, urging the bench to grant an urgent hearing for the case.

"What is the urgency? It's a match, let it be. The match is this Sunday. What can be done?" the bench said.

The counsel submitted that since the match was scheduled for Sunday, the plea would become infructuous if the matter was not listed on Friday.

The bench, however, responded: "The match is this Sunday? What can we do about that? Let it be. The match should go on." The petition seeks cancellation of cricket match.

SC orders SIT probe into 2023 death of auto-driver mistaken to be Muslim

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Thursday ordered the Maharashtra government to set up a special investigation team (SIT), comprising both Hindu and Muslim senior police officers, to investigate a Muslim youth's allegation that he was assaulted and an auto-driver was killed during riots in Akola on May 13, 2023.

The appellant, Mohammad Afzal Mohammad Sharif, claimed he witnessed the assault upon auto-driver Vilas Mahadevrao Gaikwad, who was mistaken to be Muslim, and later died from the attack.

He alleged he was also assaulted, but the police did not do anything despite recording his statement in the hospital and the subsequent filing of a complaint.

He also claimed he came across a photograph of one of the four assailants in the flex board of the Shiv Sena a few days after the incident.

Taking up his plea against the Bombay High Court's rejection of his writ petition, a bench of Justices Sanjay Kumar and Satish Chandra Sharma ordered the SIT to investigate the matter by registering an FIR in the matter, including the assault upon him, and file the investigation report before it within three months.

SUPREME COURT

"Needless to state, when members of the police force don their uniforms, they are required to shed their personal predilections and biases, be they religious, racial, casteist or otherwise. They must be true to the call of duty attached to their office and their uniform with absolute and total integrity. Unfortunately, in the case on hand, this did not happen.

'Dereliction of duty'

The court took a serious view of "total dereliction of duty on the part of the police, be it deliberate or due to sheer carelessness", due to their failure to investigate the cognisable offence.

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"If, in fact, the deceased was really murdered under the impression that he belonged to the Muslim community and the assailants were not of that community, that was a fact that had to be ascertained after thorough and proper investigation," noted the bench.

In its judgment, the court also ordered the state Home Ministry's secretary to initiate appropriate disciplinary action against all erring police officials for dereliction of duties.

The court also directed taking measures to instruct and sensitise the rank-and-file in the police department as to what the law required of them in the discharge of their duties.

Organs of accident victim give new lease of life to 6 in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS: Organs, including the heart, of a 33-year-old man killed in a road accident were transplanted into six recipients in Kerala on Thursday.

Isaac George, a native of Kollam district, met with a road accident on September 6. He was undergoing treatment at a hospital in Thiruvananthapuram, where he was declared brain dead on Wednesday.

Following his family's decision to donate his organs, the transplants were carried out. His heart was airlifted to Kochi and transplanted into a 28-year-old patient under treatment at a private hospital. The entire process was completed within four hours. An air ambulance was used to carry the heart from Thiruvananthapuram to Kochi.

His kidneys, liver and corneas were also transplanted to patients in Thiruvananthapuram. The Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (K-SOTTO) coordinated the donation process.

George, who ran a hotel in Kottarakara in Kollam, was fatally injured after being struck by a vehicle.

'Paid campaign against me': Gadkari on fuel blending row

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The recent controversy about the negative impact of ethanol blending in petrol on the safety and mileage of vehicles was a politically motivated "paid campaign" to derail India's energy transition programme, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said on Thursday.

Rubbishing the criticism, Gadkari said ethanol blending is cost-effective, indigenous, and reduces pollution.

"The way your industry works, so does politics. The social media campaign was a paid campaign. It was against ethanol and was meant to target me politically. There is no truth in that. All issues have been clarified," Gadkari said at an event.

Recently, the top court dismissed a petition challenging the 20% ethanol blending in petrol.

Those opposing the E20 programme argue that ethanol blending causes drastic reduction in fuel efficiency and accelerated wear and tear to certain components.

22 Nepal prisoners escape amid protests, nabbed at UP border

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

At least 22 inmates, some convicted, who had escaped from different jails in Nepal during the days of violence there, were caught by the Indian security personnel on the borders in Uttar Pradesh while trying to cross into India.

According to the reports, the SSB (Sashatra Seema Bal) jawans apprehended these prisoners when they tried to cross into India from the borders in Siddharth Nagar district in the state.

Reports said that these prisoners had escaped from Dillibazar jail in Kathmandu. "Preliminary investigations revealed that these prisoners took advantage of the chaos in the jail arising out of the massive violence in Nepal after the government imposed a ban on social media," said an official in Siddharth Nagar on Wednesday.

They said that 10 prisoners who had escaped from Neaplese jails were nabbed on the borders in Bihar and three were apprehended in West Bengal.

India and Nepal shared around 1,751 kilometre long open border and the SSB had been on the alert mode after violence flared up in the hill nation. "All the check posts are on high alert," the officials said.

The intelligence unit of the SSB was keeping an eye on the villages adjacent to the border, they added.

Reports said that the prisoners were trying to gain entry into the Indian side through narrow paths. All of them were handed over to the local police.

Those apprehended included many prisoners who were convicted and were serving sentences in cases ranging from drug smuggling, rape and theft.

10 Naxals, including senior leader, gunned down in Chhattisgarh

RAIPUR, PTI

Ten Naxalites, including a top operative of the outlawed movement carrying a reward of Rs 1 crore on his head, were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district on Thursday, police said.

Modem Balakrishna, a Central Committee Member (CCM) of the proscribed Communist Party of India (Maoist), is among the deceased, an official said. Balakrishna, also known by his aliases Manoj, Balanna, Ramachander and Bhaskar, was secretary of the Maoists' Odisha State Committee (OSC) and had joined the movement in early 1980s.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah hailed the security forces for the achievement.

"Security forces have achieved another major success against Naxalites today... The remaining Naxalites should also surrender in time," Shah said in a post on X while asserting that complete elimination of red terror is certain before the upcoming March 31.

The gunfight broke out in the forest under Mainpur police station limits when security personnel were out on an anti-Naxalite operation, Raipur Range Inspector General of Police Amresh Mishra said.

"Personnel belonging to Special Task Force (STF - a unit of the Chhattisgarh police), E-30 (a unit of the district police), CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action - an elite unit of the CRPF) and other state police units are involved in the operation. Intermittent exchange of fire is still underway," the IGP said.

"Ten Naxalites, including senior cadres, have been gunned down so far. Further details are awaited as the operation is still underway," he added.

Police said the operation was launched based on the inputs about the movement of top Naxalites in the area, located more than 180 kilometres from state capital Raipur.

241 killed so far

With the latest action, 241 Naxalites have been killed in separate encounters in Chhattisgarh so far this year. Of them, 212 were eliminated in the Bastar division, comprising seven districts, while 27 were gunned down in Gariaband district, which is part of Raipur division.

In January this year, 16 Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security forces in the same Mainpur area of Gariaband, including Chalpathi alias Jairam, a member of central committee and Odisha state committee of the Maoists.

Last year, 219 Naxalites were neutralised by security forces in separate encounters in Chhattisgarh.

Indian Navy to commission new info centre in Gurugram today

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Three months after Operation Sindoor where technology played a critical role, the Indian Navy is all set to operationalise a new information and communication centre with advanced technologies not only to keep a close eye on the maritime traffic in the Indian Ocean Region but also operate new platforms that would provide the force an edge.

Named INS Aravali, the new centre would be commissioned at Gurugram by the Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh Tripathi on Friday, official sources said.

Commissioning of the new naval station takes place a few weeks ahead of Indian Space Research Organisation launching two naval satellites GSAT-7R as a replacement for Rukmini (GSAT-7) and a Technology Demonstration Satellite to boost India's military surveillance capability.

While not much details have been shared on the functioning of INS Aravali, officials said it would support various information and communication centres of the Indian Navy that are key to Indian Navy's command, control and Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) framework.

This would be different from the navy's existing Information Fusion Centre - Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR), which serves as a regional maritime information hub and the Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC), a key agency for maritime data fusion, both located in Gurugram.

These facilities are crucial for information exchange, coordination, and strengthening maritime security and safety in the Indian Ocean Region.

Conservative activist and Trump ally Charlie Kirk assassinated

US Prez calls Kirk a 'martyr for truth and freedom' as police hunt for shooter

OREM (US), AP/PTI

Charlie Kirk, a conservative activist and close ally of President Donald Trump who played an influential role in rallying young Republican voters, was shot and killed at a Utah college event in what the governor called a political assassination.

Authorities said Kirk was killed with a single shot from a rooftop on Wednesday. Whoever fired the gun slipped away amid the chaos of screams and students fleeing the Utah Valley University campus. Federal, state and local authorities were still searching for an unidentified shooter early Thursday and investigating what they described as "multiple active crime scenes."

"This is a dark day for our state. It is a tragic day for our nation," said Utah Gov. Spencer Cox. "I want to be very clear, this is a political assassination."

American conservative activist and commentator Charlie Kirk answers questions shortly before his assassination at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, on Wednesday. REUTERS

Two people were detained on Wednesday, but neither was found to be connected to the shooting, and both were released. Authorities did not immediately identify a motive, but the circumstances of the shooting drew renewed attention to the escalating threat of political violence in the US, which in recent years has cut across the ideological spectrum. The assassination drew bipartisan condemnation, but a national reckoning over how to prevent political grievances from erupting into deadly violence remained elusive.

Videos posted to social media from Utah Valley University showed Kirk speaking into a microphone while sitting under a white tent emblazoned with the slogans "The American Comeback" and "Prove Me Wrong." A single shot rang out, and Kirk could be seen reaching up with his right hand as blood poured from the left side of his neck. Stunned spectators gasped and screamed before people began to flee.

Kirk was speaking at a debate hosted by his nonprofit youth organisation, Turning Point USA, at the Sorensen Centre courtyard on campus. Immediately before the shooting, Kirk was taking questions from an audience member about mass shootings and gun violence. Some 3,000 people were in attendance.

Trump announced Kirk's death on social media and praised the 31-year-old as "Great, and even Legendary." He also released a video from the White House calling him a "martyr for truth and freedom" and blaming the rhetoric of the "radical left" for the killing.

On Thursday, Trump said he will be awarding Kirk "posthumously, the Presidential Medal of Freedom."

Gun found, photo released

The sniper is believed to have jumped off a roof and fled into a neighbourhood and has not been identified. Authorities recovered a high-powered, bolt-action rifle they believe was used in the attack and are reviewing video footage of the person they believe was responsible. The shooter appeared to be of college age.

Later on Thursday, the FBI released two photos of a person of interest as investigators appealed to the public for information. The photos show a person wearing a hat, sunglasses and a long-sleeve black shirt.

UK fires ambassador to US over ties with Epstein

LONDON, AP/PTI: UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Thursday fired the country's ambassador to the United States, Peter Mandelson, over his links to the convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

Foreign Office minister Stephen Doughty said the decision came in the wake of the publication this week of emails Mandelson sent to Epstein in the 2000s, in which he gave his support to the disgraced financier even when he was facing jail for sex offences.

Doughty said the emails showed that the "depth and extent" of Mandelson's relationship with Epstein was "materially different" from what was known when he was appointed ambassador to Washington last year.

Mandelson, who took up his post in February this year after what the government described as an "extensive" vetting process, has voiced his deep regret over his previous links with Epstein.

"In light of the additional information in the emails written by Peter Mandelson, the prime minister has asked the foreign secretary to withdraw him as ambassador to the United States," Doughty said.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump attend a 9/11 observance ceremony in Washington DC on Thursday. AFP

Belarus frees 52 prisoners following Trump appeal

▶ Belarus released 52 prisoners of various nationalities on Thursday after an appeal from US President Donald Trump, Reuters reports from Vilnius.

They headed to Lithuania with the US delegation that negotiated their release, the US embassy in Vilnius said. Trump had called on Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin, to release detainees whom the US leader described as "hostages." Belarus later confirmed their release. In return, Washington will grant sanctions relief to Belarus' national airline Belavia, allowing it to service and acquire components for its fleet, which includes Boeing aircraft. It was the largest batch of prisoners yet pardoned by Lukashenko, who is seeking to repair relations with the US after years of isolation and sanctions. However, it fell far short of the 1,300–1,400 prisoners whose release Trump had called for in conversations with Lukashenko and subsequent social media posts. Those released include journalist Ihar Losik, sentenced in 2021 to 15 years in a penal colony on charges of inciting hatred and organising riots.

Detained Koreans to leave US

▶ Buses carrying workers from South Korea who were detained last week in an immigration raid at a battery factory were travelling on Thursday from a detention centre in southeast Georgia to Atlanta, where a charter plane was waiting to take them home, AP/PTI reports from Atlanta.

More than 300 Koreans were among about 475 workers detained during last week's raid at the battery factory under construction on the campus of Hyundai's sprawling auto plant west of Savannah. South Korea's foreign ministry has said that a Korean Air Boeing 747-8i that arrived in Atlanta on Wednesday will depart at noon on Thursday with the workers on board. The workers had been held at an immigration detention centre in Folkston, 460 km southeast of Atlanta.

Singer Usher talks to Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas during the Ralph Lauren Spring 2026 Collection in New York City on Wednesday. AFP

India is one of the top relationships US has today, says Rubio

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, PTI: India is one of the top relationships the United States has in the world today, and Washington is in a period of "extraordinary transition" in that relationship with Delhi, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on Thursday.

Introducing US ambassador-designate to India Sergio Gor at his confirmation hearing in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Rubio said he has known Gor for a long time and described him as the nominee to India, which he called "one of the top relationships the US has in the world today, in terms of the future, what the world is going to look like."

Last month, President Donald Trump announced that he is promoting Gor, Director of Presidential Personnel, to be the next US Ambassador to India and Special Envoy for South and Central Asian Affairs.

When confirmed, 38-year-old Gor will become the youngest American ambassador to India.

Rubio stressed that in the 21st century, "the story is going to be written in the Indo-Pacific. In fact, it is so important that we have actually changed the name of the combatant command of the Indo-Pacific. India is at the core of that."

He added that the United States is in a period of extraordinary transition in its relationship with India, with critical issues ahead that involve not only Ukraine but also the broader region.

"It is important that the United States be represented at that post with someone who has the direct ear and confidence of the President of the United States," Rubio said, adding that he knows of no one "who has had a better or closer working relationship" than Gor.

Thousands of jailbreakers on the run in Nepal

India steps up border patrols after arrest of 60 convicts

KATHMANDU/NEW DELHI, PTI

Protesters gather outside Nepal's army headquarters during a curfew in Kathmandu on Thursday. AFP

Nepal's army and police are scrambling to restore order after mass jailbreaks and violent protests that toppled the government earlier this week, with thousands of prisoners still on the run and Indian forces detaining dozens at the border.

Nepalese police said around 13,500 detainees escaped from prisons nationwide during the unrest, which saw at least 19 protesters killed in a crackdown on demonstrators. Parliament, government and presidential offices, commercial buildings and a Hilton Hotel were among sites torched in the chaos.

The Nepali Army confirmed on Thursday that it has recaptured 192 prisoners who fled a jail in Rajbiraj and has recovered nearly 100 weapons looted during the uprising. At another prison in Ramechhap, clashes broke out and soldiers opened fire, killing two inmates and injuring 12.

India's Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), which guards the 1,751-km India-Nepal border, said it has caught about 60 escapees over the last two days from frontier points in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal. Most are believed to be Nepalese fugitives, but a Bangladeshi national and two or three individuals claiming Indian origin were also among those detained.

The SSB said the fugitives were handed to state police and, in some cases, returned to Nepali authorities. A senior official added that the force has "stepped up" vigil with joint patrols alongside Nepal's Armed Police Force.

Clashes have continued inside prisons. Three more inmates were killed on Thursday during fighting with security forces, raising the death toll of prisoners to eight since Tuesday.

Netanyahu killed any hope of hostage release: Qatar

DOHA, AP/PTI

The Prime Minister of Qatar, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, said on Thursday that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "killed any hope" of releasing hostages still held in the Gaza Strip after Israel attacked Hamas leaders in Doha.

The comments from Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, ahead of appearing at the United Nations on Thursday, underscored the wider anger among Gulf Arab countries over Israel's strike that killed at least six people.

"I was meeting one of the hostages' families the morning of the attack," Sheikh Mohammed told CNN in an interview aired late Wednesday. "They are counting on this (ceasefire) mediation. They have no other hope for that."

Sheikh Mohammed added, "I think that what Netanyahu did yesterday (Tuesday), he just killed any hope for those hostages."

His remarks came as thousands of Palestinians continued to flee Gaza City ahead of Israel's impending offensive there. The numbers leaving the city have grown in recent days, though many have refused because they say they no longer have the strength or money to relocate.

The Israeli military's plans for the next phases of its operation in what it calls Hamas's last remaining stronghold are aimed at taking over the largest Palestinian city that's already devastated from earlier raids and experiencing famine.

The plans have drawn widespread condemnation and add to Israel's already unprecedented global isolation, which intensified further this week following the strike on Qatar.

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HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, BENGALURU-01

HCC No.15/2022 Date: 10.09.2025

SHORT RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Re-Tender is called by the High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru for 1) 55" LED Display Unit for VC System with HDMI Cable along with suitable Heavy Duty Trolley 2) OPS 3) USB Based PTZ Web Camera and 4) USB based Microphones-cum-Speaker with Build-n-Echo to Arbitration and Conciliation Centre, Bengaluru" through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of Centre for e-Governance, Bengaluru.

The last date to upload the tender is fixed as **18.09.2025 at 4:00 p.m.** For more details visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/searchTender/live** website.

Sd/-
(N.G.Dinesh)
Registrar (Computers) and
Tender Inviting Authority,
High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/2774/MAA/25-26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: CEE/Tr(OP)Z/HSN/SEE(O)/AEE-4/F-T1/2025-26/7306-09 Date: 10.09.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bids through E-Procurement mode for the following work: **Indent No. KPTCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT2622** "Replacement of faulty 1x100MVA, 220/110/11kV Power Transformer at **220/110/11KV Kemar Receiving Station** in Udupi District by new 1x100MVA power Transformer 220/110/11KV diverted from proposed 220KV Nadamanchale Receiving station in Shivamogga District along with transportation on Partial Turn Key basis including supply of all material/equipments (excluding 100MVA Power Transformer), Erection of all material/equipment (including civil works), testing & commissioning on **PTK basis"**.

The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-Tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "tenders" on or after **12.09.2025 at 11:00 Hrs.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer (Ele)., Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, 3rd Floor, Prasarna Bhavana, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan – 573 201.**

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No: KNNL/GRBCC-4/Tender/2025-26/07 Date: 10-09-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

Tenders is invited by the undersigned on behalf of the **Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru** for the work mentioned below. The blank tender document can be downloaded from KPP Portal of Government of Karnataka. **(https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**

Indent No: **Two Cover System - General - Indent No: 3140,** Approximated Amount Put to Tender: **169.44 Lakhs,** EMD Amount: **Rs. 2,54,500/-,** Last Date and Time for Tender Quarries / Clarifications: **22-09-2025 upto 17.00 Hours.** Date of Pre Bid Meeting: **23-09-2025 at 11.30 Hours in the Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, GRBCC Division-4, Chikodi,** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **24-09-2025 upto 16.00 Hours,** Date of Opening of Tenders (Two Cover System): Technical Bid - **25-09-2025 at 16.30 Hours.** Financial Bid - **26-09-2025 at 16.30 Hours.**

Further information can be had from the undersigned from the following Telephone: **08338-272485** and from e-Portal **(https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** during office hours.

The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer
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Regd.Office: BMTC Complex, 3rd Floor, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027. India e-Mail: contracts@bmrc.co.in
Website: www.bmrc.co.in

Bid No: BMRCL/DGM(C)/PD/ParkingTender/Reach-1,2,3,4&5/No.51/2025-26 Dated: 11.09.2025

TENDER CUM AUCTION NOTIFICATION

Subject: AWARD LICENSE FOR OPERATING PARKING LOTS AT-REACH-1,2,3,4&5 OF NAMMA METRO STATIONS BID SCHEDULE: (1) Sale of bid document: **12th September 2025 to 3rd October 2025. (2)** Tender Cost: **Rs.5000/- by way of DD drawn in favor of BMRCL payable at Bengaluru. (3)** Address for purchase: **BMRCL, 3rd Floor, BMTC Complex, Shantinagara, K.H Road, Bengaluru-560 027** or Download from **http://www.bmrc.co.in.** Pre Bid meeting: **3rd October 2025 at 3:00 PM. (4)** Bid Submission Due Date: **8th October 2025 up to 3:00 PM (5)** Tender Opening date: **8th October 2025 at 3:30 PM**

Brief details of the tender terms and conditions are uploaded in the BMRCL website.

Sd/- Deputy General Manager (C), BMRCL

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA

No.EE:PWD:CTA:JE-1:Tender-27:2025-26
Dated:- 09.09.2025

SHOR TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through KPPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work:- Two cover System:- Head of Account 5054-03-337-0-17-154 SH Improvements:- (1) Construction of four lane road from SH 24 to Akshaya Food Park at Hiriyur Taluk, Chitradurga District (WI.22019)

Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-2000.00

Tender dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 09-10-2025 Time: 17.30
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 10-10-2025 Time: 16.00
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 13-10-2025 Time: 16.15
Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 16-10-2025 Time: 11.00
Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/
365/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD, Chitradurga.

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA NURSING & PARA MEDICAL SCIENCES EDUCATION (REGULATION) AUTHORITY

PARA MEDICAL BOARD

Lakshmi Complex, 1st Floor, # 40/20A, Opp. Vani Vilas Hospital, Bengaluru - 560 002.
No.: PMB/ACT/52/2025-26 Date: 11.09.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement)

Para Medical Board, Bengaluru invites Short-term tender to print and supply the below mentioned **printing materials for Annual Examination & Supplementary Examination.**

Pre-Printed Blank Answer Booklets
(1) 36 Pages with Bar Code (Green Colour)

Date of publishing Tender Documents	**11.09.2025**
Last date & Time for Submission	**10.10.2025, 5.00 PM**
Pre-Bid Meeting Date	**26.09.2025, 12.00 PM**
Date and time of opening the Technical Bid	**13.10.2025, 11.30 AM**
Date and time of opening the Financial Bid	**18.10.2025, 11.30 AM**

Bid documents and other details can be obtained from Karnataka Government's E-Procurement portal **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and **helpline No:080-25501216/227.** The undersigned officers can be contacted over phone No:080-26702153 & + 91 9632628899 during office hours. Tender accepting authority reserves the right to cancel any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sd/- Special Officer

IT sector nervous as US proposes outsourcing tax

Bill tabled to tax US firms hiring overseas staff

Workers at an outsourcing centre in Bengaluru.

BENGALURU, REUTERS

India's massive IT sector faces a lengthy period of uncertainty with customers delaying or re-negotiating contracts while the U.S. debates a proposed 25% tax on American firms using foreign outsourcing services, analysts and lawyers said.

The sector is likely to be on the receiving end of a bill which, though unlikely to pass in its nascent form, will initiate a gradual shift in how big-name firms in the world's largest outsourcing market buy IT services, they said.

Still, with US firms having to pay the tax, those heavily reliant on overseas IT services are likely to push back, setting the stage for extensive lobbying and legal battles, analysts and lawyers said.

India's $283 billion information technology sector has thrived for more than three decades exporting software services, with prominent clients including Apple, American Express, Cisco, Citigroup, FedEx and Home Depot. It has grown to make up over 7% of GDP.

However, it has also drawn criticism in customer countries over job loss to lower-cost workers in India.

Last week, US Republican Senator Bernie Moreno introduced the HIRE Act which proposes taxing companies that hire foreign workers over Americans, with the tax revenue used for US workforce development. The bill also seeks to bar firms from claiming outsourcing payments as tax-deductible expenses.

The bill could not have come at a worse time for India's IT sector, which is struggling with weak revenue growth in its mainstay US market as clients defer non-essential tech spending amid inflationary pressure and tariff uncertainty.

"The HIRE Act proposes sweeping changes that could alter the economics of outsourcing and significantly increase the tax liability associated with international service contracts," EY India's compliance head Jignesh Thakkar said.

In some cases, combined federal, state and local taxes could push the levy on outsourced payments as high as 60%, Thakkar said.

"While its partisan proposal may seem initially attractive, it's ultimately an artificial cost which makes organisations less competitive and profitable globally," said Arun Prabhu, partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas.

Even so, the idea is gaining traction. This month, White House trade adviser Peter Navarro reposted a call from far-right activist Jack Posobiec for tariffs on services, not just goods.

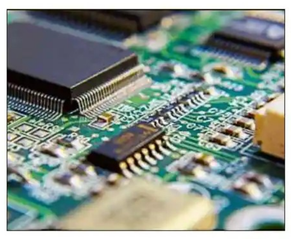
"When political noise turns into regulatory risk, clients quickly insert contingencies, reopen pricing and demand delivery flexibility," said HFS Research President Saurabh Gupta.

"Clients will simply take longer to sign, longer to renew, and longer to commit transformation dollars," Gupta said.

Industry body Nasscom and IT firms Tata Consultancy Services , Infosys, HCLTech, Tech Mahindra , Wipro and LTIMindtree did not respond to requests for comment on implications of the bill.

Semiconductor sector value to double to $103 bn by 2030

B'luru & Hyd account for over 80% of the sector's GCC workforce



MAHESH KULKARNI
BENGALURU, DHNS

The semiconductor sector is projected to almost double to $103.5 billion by 2030, growing at a CAGR of 13.8% outpacing global growth benchmarks. The industry is expected to be valued at $54.3 billion by the end of 2025. The sector is also transitioning from being a consumption-heavy market to becoming a global capability hub across design, R&D, and manufacturing enablement, according to a new report by Quess Corp.

India's semiconductor story is still anchored in the devices we use every day, smartphones, laptops, and industrial systems, which together make up about 70% of the market. What is changing is the rise of new demand engines: electric vehicles, 5G rollouts, and the rapid build-out of data centers. With hyperscale capacity expected to grow by more than 75% by 2030 and EVs targeted to make up nearly a third of all new vehicles, the market for advanced chips is set for an unprecedented expansion, the report said.

Mobile handsets, IT/PCs, and industrial applications will continue to contribute about 70% of revenues, while automotive (EVs), 5G infrastructure, and data centres are emerging as the next multi-billion dollar growth vectors.

The India Semiconductor Mission is laying the foundation for domestic capability, backed by 1.6 lakh crore worth of projects and close to 29,000 new jobs.

Currently, India houses over 250,000 semiconductor professionals, with 43,000 new postings in 2024-25 reflecting accelerating demand. This pool is projected to grow by over 120% to nearly 400,000 by 2030, making India the world's second-largest semiconductor talent hub after the US. The workforce spans across design, embedded systems, EDA tool development, and ATMP manufacturing, showing that India is building capability across the entire value chain.

About 80% of the workforce has less than 10 years of experience, signaling depth at junior levels but a leadership supply gap at mid-to-senior roles. More than 55 semiconductor GCCs operate across the country, employing over 60,000 engineers. These GCCs are evolving from design support to AI-led system design, verification, and EDA tool development.

New growth will come from EVs

Bengaluru and Hyderabad currently account for over 80% of India's semiconductor GCC workforce, but over-reliance on these hubs is pushing firms to diversify. Tier-2 cities like Ahmedabad, Mohali, and Thiruvananthapuram are not only attracting new design mandates but are also aligning with EV and industrial clusters, supported by ESDM parks and policy incentives. Early movers are expected to benefit from cost arbitrage, policy backing, and a more stable talent pipeline.

Japan's Air Water keen to set up unit near Bengaluru

BENGALURU, DHNS: Air Water, a Japanese multinational company that produces gas used in industries, has come forward to set up its second unit near Bengaluru, said Industries Minister M B Patil.

The company's first unit is already operational in Vijayanagar.

The company has also shown interest in setting up a biogas production unit in Karnataka using raw materials such as cow dung and iron pulp. "With the help of this unit, it will be possible to meet the local demand for biogas," the minister added.

M B Patil

The minister, who is visiting Japan with a high-level delegation, held discussions with the company on Thursday. The company conveyed to the delegation that Karnataka is a key priority region for its business.

In a meeting with industrial services and engineering company Konoike, which has adopted the corporate slogan "India as its second home base," the state delegation discussed in detail growth opportunities based on joint ventures. The company informed the delegation that it is looking for local partners to develop industrial solutions under the partnership. The minister assured that necessary assistance will be provided to identify suitable partners.

Shinko Nameplate Company announced that it will set up a unit near Bengaluru to manufacture decorative plastic parts used in vehicles at a cost of Rs 100 crore.

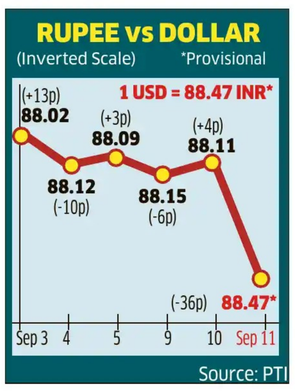
Toyota Group's Catalar Company stated that it will expand its manufacturing activities in Bidadi by 2030 with an additional investment of Rs 140 crore.

Saginomiya, a manufacturer of advanced automatic control equipment, has also expressed interest in setting up a new unit in Karnataka.

The high-level delegation includes Principal Secretary, Industries Department, S Selvakumar, and Industries Department Commissioner Gunjan Krishna, among others.

Rupee sinks to record low, US tariffs keep outlook fragile

MUMBAI, REUTERS



The Indian rupee dropped to an all-time low against the US dollar on Thursday, in a slide that reflects the mounting strain of US tariffs on Asia's third largest economy.

The rupee closed 0.39% lower at 88.4425 against its previous close of 88.1000. The currency had hit its previous record low of 88.36 last Friday.

Punitive US tariffs on Indian goods, which kicked in last month, are denting investor confidence, making the rupee one of the most vulnerable Asian currencies. Foreign investors have withdrawn a net of $11.7 billion from India's debt and equity markets so far this year.

Washington's steep tariffs have hurt India's growth and trade outlook and clouded the path for currency.

To curb the impact of the levies, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has rolled out consumption tax cuts. Both US and India are also looking at resuming negotiations to address the trade barriers.

For now, Indian exporters face uncertainty over order flows, while importers are forced to hedge their forex exposure more aggressively, distorting the demand-supply balance in the currency market.

"While importer dollar demand is persistent, exporter flows, and foreign portfolio flows seem to be muted, which is leading to pressure on the rupee," said Dilip Parmar, a foreign exchange research analyst at HDFC Securities.

The USD/INR pair is likely to continue following a pattern of consolidation for a few days before breaking higher, Parmar said. The Reserve Bank of India has stepped in frequently to temper the pace of the rupee's decline.

Auto sector expects strong growth in H2FY26

NEW DELHI, DHNS: After a sluggish performance in the first five months of the current financial year, India's auto industry is gearing up for a strong growth in the second half of fiscal as the significant cut be the goods and services tax (GST) is expected to boost demands.

Tarun Garg, whole-time director and chief operating officer of Hyundai Motor India, said the auto industry is likely to register around 7% year-on-year growth in the second half of 2025-26. He said the average growth in the year would be around 5% as in the first quarter there was contraction in the sector. Sales of cars and bikes are expected to spike from September 22.

TN signs MoUs worth Rs 24K cr at Hosur conclave

E.T.B. SIVAPRIYAN
HOSUR (TN), DHNS

At the first Investors' Conclave in this industrial city, the Tamil Nadu government, on Thursday, signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with over 90 companies for investment pledges worth Rs 24,307 crore, expected to generate 49,353 jobs. Some of the major investments in Hosur are in the electric vehicle component sector, industrial parks, and electronics.

Chief Minister M K Stalin, who oversaw the signing of the MoUs, also inaugurated a new state-of-the-art smart manufacturing line and laid the foundation stone for the expansion of Taiwan's Delta Electronics facility in Kurubarapalli near Hosur.

Chief Minister M K Stalin at the Delta Electronics facility in Kuruburapalli near Hosur.
DH PHOTO

Spread across 95 acres with over 3,800 employees, the Kurubarapalli site is a major manufacturing hub for Delta, mainly focused on the production of high-efficiency power supplies and DC brushless fans for a broad range of industrial and commercial applications.

Uno Minda Group signed a MoU with the Tamil Nadu government to invest Rs 1,500 crore in Krishnagiri to manufacture auto and EV components, creating jobs for 4,000 people. Toyota Boshoku Automotive India will invest around Rs 450 crore, while EV component maker Genau Extrusions will invest Rs 441 crore to set up a greenfield manufacturing facility in Krishnagiri district, creating 1,500 jobs.

Avigna Parks will invest Rs 1,500 crore to establish another industrial park in Krishnagiri district, generating 500 jobs, while Fateh Logistics and Himagiri Logistics have pledged Rs 550 crore and Rs 300 crore, respectively, for launching parks.

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No.KMP/HS/TENDER/2025-26 DATE: 03.09.2025

KPPP TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under the Karnataka Public Procurement Transparency Rules 2000, Kalaburagi Mahanagara Corporation invites tenders from eligible bidders for the work mentioned below.

Tenders are invited through e-procurement for the following services

1) Name of Work: Providing of 24 Security Guards (Watchman) on outsource basis to Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike 2025-26. Indent No.DMA/2025-26/SE6106, Estimate Amount in Lakhs-59.60 Lakh, EMD Amount 2.5% (In.Rs)- 1,49,000/-, **Tender Last Date and Technical Bid opening Date:** Last Date and Time for Queries Date :19.09.2025, Timing :04.30 PM, Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders Date:20.09.2025, Timing:04.30PM, Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid Date:22.09.2025, Timing : 11.30AM, Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid Date:25.09.2025, Timing : 11.00AM

- For more details about EMD is availed in KPPP portal.
- For more information Contact Environmental Engineer Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi
- Wed Site : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/494/KSMC&A/2025-26

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner (Dev)
City Corporation Kalaburagi

KARNATAKA STATE INDUSTRIAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

KSIIDC

Khanija Bhavan, 4th Floor, East Wing, No. 49, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Ph: 080-22255740 / 9845520837
Fax No.080-22255740 E-mail : **bic3@ksiidc.com // hartiksiidc@gmail.com** Website : **https://ksiidc.karnataka.gov.in**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

KSIIDC invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested parties for allotment of following Commercial Space, on monthly Licence fee, in the Passenger Terminal Building and Car Parking area of Shivamogga Airport, Sogane Village, Shivamogga – 577 222. Interested parties may submit their offers for establishment of Snack Bar / Travel Requisite and Handicraft Shop and Management of Car Parking Services in a prescribed format available in the KSIIDC Website **www.ksiidc.com.** or Contact this office for details, terms and conditions through aforesaid Mail The details of facilities are as below;

Sl. No.	Details	Area	MRLF
1.	**Security Hold Area (SHA):** a) Snack Bar b) Travel Requisite / Handicraft Shop	12 Sq. Mts. 12 Sq. Mts.	Rs. 39,000/- Rs. 39,000/-
2.	Management of Car Parking • Minimum % of Royalty to be quoted is > 30%	Designated location	Minimum Guaranteed Amount of Rs. 10,000/- In addition Percentage of royalty to be quoted by the agency.
3	Milk Parlor & Coffee, Tea, snacks Counter Outside the PTB building	15 Sq.Mts.	Rs. 34,500/-

(1) The Space will be allotted to the eligible bidder on as is where is basis. **(2)** Interested parties may contact this office on Mail or Phone for the copy of EOI, and submit the proposal in the prescribed format along with attachments in a sealed cover. **(3)** Use Separate Application for each facility. **(4)** Duly filled forms along with attachments in a sealed cover are to be dropped either at KSIIDC office at Bengaluru or at Shivamogga Airport Terminal Managers office **on or before 11.10.2025 at 5.00 PM. (5)** EOI documents can be downloaded from KSIIDC website – **www.ksiidc.karnataka.gov.in.** or contact this office for details. **(6)** KSIIDC reserves the right to accept or reject any offer in part or in full or reject all applications or cancel the process, without assigning any reason. For further Information, please Contact : Assistant General Manager (IPD-1), KSIIDC, Phone No: 9845520837, Office No: 080-22255740, mail id : **hartiksiidc@gmail.com**

Sd/- Assistant General Manager (IPD-1), KSIIDC, Bengaluru

ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಾನಿಕ್ ಸಿಟಿ, ಬಿಟಿಎಂ 4ನೇ ಹಂತ, 2ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-76.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಪ್ರಾಸಾಅ/ಬೆಂ.ಇ-ಸಿಟಿ/ಡಿಎಸ್ಎ/ಹರಾಜು/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 09-09-2025

ವಶಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡ ವಾಹನಗಳ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರವರ್ತನ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಶಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಂತಹ ಈ ಕೆಳ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ವಾಹನಗಳು, ಅವುಗಳು ಎಲ್ಲಿವೆಯೋ, ಹೇಗಿವೆಯೋ ಹಾಗೆ ಯಥಾ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23-09-2025 ರಂದು** ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11-00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಬಹಿರಂಗವಾಗಿ ಹರಾಜು ಹಾಕಲಾಗುವುದು. ಈ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಆಸಕ್ತರುಳ್ಳವರು ಈ ವಾಹನಗಳು ಇರುವ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲೇ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ, ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಸದರಿ ವಾಹನಗಳ ಮಾಲೀಕರ ಹೆಸರು ಮತ್ತು ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತವೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಾನಿಕ್ ಸಿಟಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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2	KA08-0758 LGV	1994	ಶ್ರೀ ಮೋಹನ ರಮನ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಆಫೀಸ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಅತ್ತಿಬೆಲೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.	ಕುಮಾರನ್ಸ್ ಫೈನಾನ್ಸ್, ಸೌತ್ ಕಾರ್ನರ್, ಸ್ಟ್ರೀಟ್ ನಾಮಕ್ಕಲ್, ತಮಿಳುನಾಡು.	ಸ್ವಯಂಚಾಲಿತ ಚಾಲನಾ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಪಥ ಆವರಣ, ಹುಸ್ಕೂರು.
3	KA51-0244 LGV	2005	ಶ್ರೀ ಸುರೇಶ್ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಬಿನ್ ಪಿಲ್ಲಾ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ, #37, ಕೀಂದನಾ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಲೇಔಟ್, ಅರಕೆರೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-76.	ಮಹೀಂದ್ರಾ & ಮಹೀಂದ್ರಾ, ಧರ್ಮಪುರಿ, ತಮಿಳುನಾಡು.	ಪ್ರಾಸಾಅ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಾನಿಕ್ ಸಿಟಿ ಆವರಣ
4	KA04 C2367 A/R	2004	ಪಳನಿ ಎಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಸುಂದರ್.ಎಸ್, #18, 1ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಬಿ.ಕೆ.ನಗರ, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-22	ಸಿಂಡಿಕೇಟ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ಜಾಲಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.	ಸ್ವಯಂಚಾಲಿತ ಚಾಲನಾ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಪಥ ಆವರಣ, ಹುಸ್ಕೂರು.
5	KA05-5701 LGV	1994	ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಅಲ್ಲಾಮುತ್ತು, #1, ರಾಮಣ್ಣ ಗಾರ್ಡನ್, ಮಿಷನ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-27.	ಮಹೇಂದ್ರ ಕುಮಾರ್, #5/34, ಬಿನ್ನಿಮಿಲ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-63.	ಸ್ವಯಂಚಾಲಿತ ಚಾಲನಾ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಪಥ ಆವರಣ, ಹುಸ್ಕೂರು.
6	KA54-1504 D/V	2009	ಶ್ರೀ ಕುಮಾರ ಬಿನ್ ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯಗೌಡ, #27, ಕಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ, ನೇರಳ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ	ಇಂಡಸ್ಇಂಡ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು	ಸ್ವಯಂಚಾಲಿತ ಚಾಲನಾ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಪಥ ಆವರಣ, ಹುಸ್ಕೂರು.
7	KA01C9827 LGV	2008	ಗುರುಮಲ್ಲೇಗೌಡ.ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್. ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಶಾಂತುಗೌಡ, #49/2, ಔಟ್‌ಹೌಸ್, ಕೆ.ರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಅಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್, ಕನಕಪುರ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬಸವನಗುಡಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.	ರಿಲೈಯನ್ಸ್ ಕ್ಯಾಪಿಟಲ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್, #1152, ಸಾಯಿಕೃಪಾ, 12ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಹೆಚ್.ಎ.ಎಲ್. 2ನೇ ಹಂತ, ಇಂದಿರಾನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.	ಸ್ವಯಂಚಾಲಿತ ಚಾಲನಾ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಪಥ ಆವರಣ, ಹುಸ್ಕೂರು.

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On behalf of President of India, **item rate E-tender** is invited from Contractors of appropriate class for following works.

NIT No.	**ISTRAC/CMG/E/MAINT/E-TN-52/ 2025-26 dated: 08.08.2025**
Name of work	**Revamping of 200kW Ground Mounted Old Solar Plant at IDSN Campus, ISTRAC, Bengaluru.**
Estimated Cost put to tender	**Rs. 23.09 Lakhs**
Tender Document details	**E-Tender**
Period of Completion	**Five (05) Months**
Period during which tender documents can be downloaded	From 16.00 hrs. on 09.08.2025 to 23.08.2025 till 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 06.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. **Further extended up to 20.09.2025 till 16.00 Hrs.**
Bid clarifications	From 11.00 hrs. on 10.08.2025 to 24.08.2025 till 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 07.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. **Further extended up to 21.09.2025 till 16.00 Hrs.**
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IN BRIEF

Yashaswini clinches bronze

▸ Karnataka's Yashaswini Ghorpade, representing PSPB, failed to capitalise on a positive start to suffer a defeat to Diya Chitale of RBI in the women's singles semifinal at the UTT National Ranking Table Tennis Championships in New Delhi, reports DHNS.

Yashaswini Ghorpade

After winning the opening game 11-5, the 20-year-old from Bengaluru lost the next four 7-11, 6-11, 6-11, 4-11 to come back home with a bronze medal.

Result: Semifinals: Diya Chitale (RBI) bt Yashaswini Ghorpade (PSPB) 5-11, 11-7, 11-6, 11-6, 11-4.

Hardie ruled out of Aus A

▸ All-rounder Aaron Hardie has been ruled out of Australia A's upcoming tour of India due to a shoulder niggle, adding to a growing list of players who will be skipping the assignment due to injuries, reports PTI from Melbourne.

Victoria all-rounder Will Sutherland will replace Hardie and join the squad for the second of the two four-day matches in Lucknow.

Hewitt to appeal ban

▸ Unrepentant Australian Davis Cup captain Lleyton Hewitt vowed Thursday to appeal against a two-week suspension for shoving a doping control official, hitting out at the timing of the decision, reports AFP from Sydney.

The former world No. 1 was slapped with the sanction and a Aus$30,000 ($19,800) fine on Wednesday following an independent tribunal ruling under the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.

India banking big on young Dhakshineshwar

NEW DELHI, PTI: In a bold move, India have thrown young Dhakshineswar Suresh in the ring along with comeback man Sumit Nagal for the World Group I indoor tie against formidable hosts Switzerland, beginning here on Friday, as they eye a Davis Cup Qualifiers spot.

D Suresh

Captain Rohit Rajpal convinced the coaches of Dhakishneswar in the US to let him fly to Switzerland for the tie and the 6-feet 5-inch tall Madurai-born player responded well by putting up an excellent show during the training week.

"We are taking decisions based on performance, there is nothing whimsical about it," Rajpal told PTI.

"Dhakshineswar has a huge serve and it's a huge weapon in indoor court ties. There were visa issues so I had requested Dhakshineswar's coaches in US College to prepare him on indoor courts."

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CRICKET

Asia Cup: Pakistan vs Oman **(8:00 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Ten 1**.

2nd T20I: England vs South Africa **(11 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

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World Championship: Recurve men **(6:30 am)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

BADMINTON

Hong Kong Open: Quarterfinals **(8:30 am)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar**.

KABADDI

PKL: Jaipur Pink Panthers vs Bengaluru Bulls **(8 pm)**, Tamil Thailaivas vs Bengal Warriors **(9 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

Kuldeep Yadav was unplayable as he left UAE batters in a daze in India's Asia Cup opener in Dubai on Wednesday. AFP

CRICKET ASIA CUP

Canny Kuldeep reiterates his craft

Wrist spinner shows his big bag of tricks in a short burst

R KAUSHIK
DUBAI

As opening statements go, Wednesday night was comprehensive. Destructive with the ball, fearsome with the bat, more than competent in the field. India were at their marauding best whilst kicking off their T20 Asia Cup campaign, a hapless UAE feeling the full weight of their fury in a no-contest at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium that lasted less than two hours.

Far from being a 20-overs-a-side affair, this wasn't even a 20-over match in its entirety. UAE lasted all of 13.1 overs in rolling over for 57, India breezed to 60 (for one) in a mere 27 deliveries. There simply wasn't enough of a target for the few thousands who had braved the heat to savour the delightful stroke-making of Abhishek Sharma, Shubman Gill and Suryakumar Yadav, but whatever little they saw must have made their evening worth the travails.

> Thanks to Adrian (Le Roux) the trainer, I was working on my bowling and my fitness as well, everything is going perfectly. Tried to hit the right length and it matters a lot, reading the batters on what they are trying to do. Even today (against UAE) as well, reacting to what the batters would do on the next ball.
>
> **Kuldeep Yadav**

What made India's evening even more worth the long wait for a Twenty20 International was the magic that emanated from Kuldeep Yadav's left wrist. If Wednesday was merely the appetiser before the main course, the connoisseurs are in for a sumptuous feast. In a small matter of 13 deliveries, the 30-year-old from Kanpur reiterated his value to the limited-overs set-up. He will undoubtedly have a role to play in the four home Tests against West Indies and South Africa in October-November but for now, his energies will be channelled solely towards weaving a web of cunning and deceit for the remainder of the Asia Cup.

More than his four wickets, it was Kuldeep's control that caught the eye. Since playing in Delhi Capitals' final league fixture of IPL 2025 against Punjab Kings on May 24, his competitive appearance has been limited to one outing, in the red-ball Duleep Trophy for Central Zone against North East Zone in Bengaluru two weeks ago. Thirty-two wicketless overs yielded 97 runs, but Kuldeep was on a journey of self-rediscovery, merely happy to turn his arm over in a meaningful setting not restrained by 'nets'.

Having assured himself that his rhythm and discipline hadn't deserted him, Kuldeep dived into his overflowing bag of tricks at the DICS. The sample size, 13 balls, wasn't humongous, but in those 2.1 overs, all his variations expressed themselves – the ripping stock ball that whirls into the right-hander, the wicked wrong 'un that goes in the opposite direction, the flipper that rushes through on pitching. The lengths he hit were impeccable, too. Kuldeep's confidence stems from being able to find the length he seeks, and because he was able to do so effortlessly, he was more than a handful for the UAE batters not accustomed to spin of this variety delivered with such finesse.

Kuldeep's frustration must have mounted with every passing day in England when, during the eight-week tour, he was restricted to bowling in the nets alone. But instead of allowing himself to be consumed by negativity, he used the undesired 'break' to his advantage, working untiringly with bowling coach Morne Morkel and dedicating himself unquestioningly to following the fitness regimen outlined by Adrian le Roux, the strength and conditioning coach. Resultantly, he is lighter on his feet and deadlier with the ball, though he more than anyone else is aware that his bigger tests lie ahead, against more competent players of the turning ball.

Remarkably, not one of Kuldeep's 41 T20Is has come against Pakistan. That should change on Sunday. Another telling opening statement won't be out of place.

Dube banks on Morkel's guidance

DUBAI, PTI

His bowling role is restricted in the IPL due to the 'Impact Player' rule but Shivam Dube aspires to be a full-fledged all-rounder for the Indian team backed by head coach Gautam Gambhir and helped by bowling coach Morne Morkel.

Having scalped 3/4 in two overs in the opening Asia Cup game against the UAE on Wednesday, Dube spoke about the role played by Morkel in his improvement as a seam bowler.

"Morne has been working with me since I came back into the Indian team for the England series. He has given me certain specific advice and I worked on them," Dube told the media after India's nine-wicket victory.

"He told me to bowl a line that is slightly outside the off-stump. He also worked with me in developing a slower delivery and tweaked my run-up a bit. The head coach and the skipper had told me that my bowling will have a role to play."

Post IPL, Dube, who doesn't figure in other two international formats, got two months of time to work extensively on his all-round game as well as fitness. Dube is used more extensively as a power-hitter in the IPL by his franchise Chennai Super Kings. "For the last two months, I have worked a great deal on my fitness. As far as my batting is concerned, I know I have a role to play (as a power-hitter) in the middle overs.

"I know over the years, bowlers targetted me with short balls and I have worked on increasing my range of shots," he said. "As tournament progresses, wicket will get slower and I know my slower (ball) will be effective and I also know how to bat in middle overs," he added.

Shivam Dube (left) celebrates after taking a UAE wicket. AFP

Litton leads from the front

ABU DHABI, PTI: Bangladesh beat Hong Kong by seven wickets to begin their campaign in the Asia Cup on a winning note here on Thursday.

Bangladesh restricted Hong Kong to 143 for 7 and then chased down the target of 144 with 14 balls to spare. Invited to bat, Hong Kong were unable to score at a brisk rate and lost wickets in bulk towards the end of the innings.

Nizakat Khan was the top scorer with 42 runs while opener Zeeshan Ali contributed a valuable 30. With the bat, skipper Litton Das and Towhid Hridoy scored 59 and 35 not out respectively, for Bangladesh.

Brief scores: Hong Kong: 143/7 in 20 overs (Zeeshan Ali 30, Nizakat Khan 42, Yasim Murtaza 28; Taskin Ahmed 2-38, Tanzim Hasan Sakib 2-21, Rishad Hossain 2-31) lt to Bangladesh: 144/3 in 17.4 overs (Litton Das 59, Towhid Hridoy 35 n.o.; Ateeq Shukla 2-14) by 7 wkts. **PoM:** Litton Das

Pooja moves into semis to assure India a medal

LIVERPOOL, PTI

Seasoned Indian boxer Pooja Rani toiled hard for her maiden World Championships medal as she eked out a scrappy win over Emilia Koterska of Poland to move to the women's 80kg semifinals here.

The 34-year-old Pooja, who received a first round bye, relied on her vast reservoir of experience to edge past teenager Koterska 3-2 in the quarterfinals late Wednesday night.

The 80kg is a non-Olympic weight category and features 12 boxers in the ongoing competition.

With the victory, the two-time Asian champion joined Jaismine Lamboria (57kg) and Nupur Sheoran (80+kg) in assuring India of medals at this edition of the tournament.

Meanwhile, India's men's campaign suffered another setback as Abhinash Jamwal bowed out with a 1-4 split decision loss to Olympic bronze medallist Lasha Guruli of Georgia in the 65kg quarterfinals.

With his exit, only Jadumani Singh (50kg) remains in contention from the men's squad. He will face reigning world champion Sanzhar Tashkenbay of Kazakhstan in the last-eight stage.

This marks a sharp decline from the previous edition in Tashkent, where India returned with three medals -- Deepak Bhoria (51kg), Mohammad Hussamuddin (57kg) and Nishant Dev (71kg) all winning bronze.

In the last edition of the women's tournament, hosts India had won four gold medals with Nitu Ghanghas (48kg), Nikhat (50kg), Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) and Saweety Boora (81kg) all winning their finals.

Against Kotersk, Pooja came out with both hands swinging but not necessarily connecting punches in the opening round. The Pole countered back to take the round 3-2.

Pooja Rani punched her way into women's 80kg semifinal at the boxing World Champoionships. FILE PHOTO

S Africa edge England in rain-hit game

CARDIFF (UK), AFP: Marco Jansen and Corbin Bosch took two wickets apiece as South Africa beat England by 14 runs on the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method in a rain-marred first T20 in Cardiff on Wednesday.

Bad weather reduced what should have been a 40-over contest at Sophia Gardens to just 12.5 in total.

England chasing a revised 69 in five overs for victory, finished on 54-5 as they failed to keep pace with a daunting run rate of nearly 14 an over against a quality attack.

Jansen (2-18) and Bosch (2-20) did the bulk of the damage in an England innings where only Jos Buttler (25) passed 20.

Earlier, several South Africa batsmen made quickfire 20s in a total of 97/5 in 7.5 overs after Brook won the toss.

Brief scores: South Africa: 97/5 in 7.5 overs (Aiden Markram 28, Donovan Ferreira 25 n.o.; Luke Wood 2-22) bt England: 54/5 in 5 overs (Jos Buttler 25; Marco Jansen 2-18, Corbin Bosch 2-20). **Result:** SA won by 14 runs via DLS Method. **PoM:** Donovan Ferreira.

Roots FC's Deepak Raj (second from left) attempts to score past MEG defence during their KSFA Super Division match at the BFS in Bengaluru on Thursday. DH PHOTO/ KRISHNAKUMAR P S

Nikhil strikes a brace as FCBU hit Bangalore Dream for a six

BENGALURU, DHNS: Nikhil Raj Murugesh Kumar scored a brace as FC Bengaluru United posted a thumping 6-0 win over Bangalore Dream United FC in the KSFA Super Division League Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Thursday.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

FCBU were off the mark in flying fashion, Rayan Wilfried opening the account in the fifth minute and Nikhil doubling the advantage nine minutes later. Four goals in a space of six minutes towards the end of the first half put FCBU on course for a resounding win. MD Altab Hussain slotted home in the 36th minute, Boobnalan scored the first of his two own goals three minutes later, Nikhil completed his brace in the 40th minute before Boobnalan put the ball into his own net in the first minute of first-half injury time (40+1).

Results: FC Bengaluru United: 6 (Rayan Wilfred S 5th, Nikhil Raj Murugesh Kumar 14th, 40th, MD Altab Hussain 36th, Boobnalan 39th og, 40+1st og) bt Bangalore Dream United FC: 0; Parikrma FC: 2 (Soubam Ronaldo Singh 56th og, Thangjalen Haokip 90+1) bt ASC & Centre FC: 0; MEG & Centre FC: 0 drew with Roots FC: 0.

Shyam, Aashi clinch U-17 titles

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bengaluru Urban's Shyam Bindiganavile and Aashi Das clinched the under-17 boys' and girls' singles titles respectively in the Yonex-Sunrise Karnataka State-ranking tournament at Vishwa Vidyapeeth School (CAPSA) here on Thursday.

LOCAL BADMINTON

While Bindiganavile defeated fellow Bengaluru Urban's Mehul Manav Arulmurugan 21-16, 21-17, Aashi defeated Nidhi Atmaram, also of Bengaluru Urban, 23-21, 21-13.

Bengaluru Urban's Vihaan C stunned top seed Devansh Chowdhury)Bengaluru Urban) 14-21, 21-16, 21-16 to wear the boys' singles under-17 crown.

Results (all finals, prefix denotes seeding): U-17: Boys, singles: Shyam Bindiganavile (Bengaluru Urban) bt Mehul Manav Arulmurugan (Bengaluru Urban) 21-16, 21-17.

Doubles: 2-K Yadunandan/ Yeshas M Reddy (Bengaluru Urban) bt Chirag Prakash/ Niketan Hari ND (Bengaluru Urban) 21-10, 23-21.

Girls, singles: 7-Aashi Das (Bengaluru Urban) bt Nidhi Atmaram (Bengaluru Urban) 23-21, 21-13.

Doubles: 2-Nidhi Atmaram/ Selvasamruddhi Selvaprabhu (Bengaluru Urban) bt Disha Ravi Bhat/ Tanvi Munoth (Bengaluru Urban) 21-13, 21-14.

Mixed doubles: 5-Chirag Prakash/ Tanvi Munoth (Bengaluru Urban) bt Shivaraj Kabberalli/ Gamya Divyananda (Bengaluru Urban) 21-11, 21-18.

U-15: Boys, singles: Vihaan C (Bengaluru Urban) bt 1-Devansh Chowdhury (Bengaluru Urban) 14-21, 21-16, 21-16.

Doubles: 4-Aarav Swaminathan (Bengaluru Rural)/ Eswar Sai Katam (Shivamogga) bt Gautham S Nair/ Siddharth S Nair (Bengaluru Urban) 21-14, 21-18.

Girls, singles: Dhanya Manjunatha (Bengaluru Urban) bt 1-Kandibilla Shreya (Bengaluru Urban) 21-15, 21-17.

Doubles: Kandibilla Shreya/ Shree Naga Lakshmi P (Bengaluru Urban) bt 2-Keerthi Balaji and Shriya Joshi (Bengaluru Urban) 21-14, 21-18.

Mixed doubles: Eswar Sai Katam/ Raksha N (Shivamogga) bt 3-Adrien Edward/ Supreetha Deepak (Bengaluru Urban) 21-18, 21-15.

Siddhanth bags silver in U-13 Nationals

BENGALURU, DHNS

Siddhanth Poonja from Bengaluru finished second in the 38th U-13 National Chess Championship, which ended in Madgaon, Goa, on Tuesday.

The Sindhi High School (Hebbal) student scored 9 points from 11 rounds to take the runner-up spot and won a prize money of Rs 60,000. This result makes him eligible to represent India at the upcoming Asian and World Cadet events. The championship was won by Maharashtra's Shaunak Badole, who scored 10 points.

Several other players from Karnataka figured in the top rankings. Aarav Saish Amonkar of DPS North placed ninth with 8.5 points and received Rs 14,000.

Siddhanth Poonja

Krupha S Ukkali of NPS Rajajinagar came 15th with 7.5 points. Indusheetala N of NHVPS Unit 2 finished 18th, Siddhi Rao of Silicon City Academy 19th and Shreya Rajesh of DPS North 16th; each scoring 7.5 points and earning Rs 6,000.

Khejroliya's late surge hands MP a thrilling win

BENGALURU, DHNS

Kulwant Khejroliya snatched a thrilling victory for Madhya Pradesh against hosts KSCA XI as the left-arm pacer took the last three wickets in a 13-run on Day 3 of second round match in the Dr (Capt) K Thimmappaiah memorial tournament at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Thursday.

The 33-year-old bowler's penultimate wicket was crucially that of a set Aneesh KV (86), who was steering the run chase of 240 after coming to bat at No. 3. Khejroliya's late surge overshadowed the spell of off-break bowler Adheer Pratap Singh (4/79), who dismissed four of the top-order batters and finished with a 12-wicket haul in the game.

Earlier in the morning, KSCA's Abhilash Shetty, who took a five-for on the opening day, delivered a four-wicket spell (4/28) to halt MP's second innings at 225 after resuming at 150/4.

Chasing 240, KSCA looked comfortable at 96/1 but spinner Adheer then triggered a middle-order collapse.

Aneesh, who hit five fours and two sixes, kept the chase on with the tailenders before Khejroliya came to the party. No. 11 Vidwath Kaverappa (19 off 17) made a last-ditched effort with two sixes before Khejroliya delivered the death blow.

Aneesh KV's 86 runs against Madhya Pradesh went in vain as KSCA XI suffered a narrow loss. DH PHOTO/ BK JANARDHAN

Brief scores: At M Chinnaswamy Stadium: MP: 172 all out & (O/n: 150/4) 225 all out in 68.3 overs (Harsh Gawli 40, Yash Dubey 46, Harshit Yadav 42, Rishabh Chouhan 26; Abhilash Shetty 4-28, Vidyadhar Patil 2-30, Yashovardhan Parantap 3-25) bt KSCA XI: 138 all out & 226 all out in 60 overs, Target 240 (Macneil Hadley 36, A Rohan Patil 30, Aneesh KV 86; Aryan Pandey 3-46, Kulwant Khejroliya 3-36, Adheer Pratap Singh 4-79)

At SJCE: KSCA Colts: 450 all out & 189/8 (Prakhar Chaturvedi 25, Harshil 32, Karthikeya KP 29, Aneeshwar Gautam 38, Sanjay Ashwin 36; Ashish S 3-70, K Maheep Kumar 3-43) vs Andhra Pradesh: (O/n: 168/6): 223 all out in 64.3 overs (Gnaneswar CR 28, Ashwin Hebbar 84, Girinath Reddy P 43; Monish Reddy 2-38, Shikhar Shetty 3-42, Karthikeya KP 3-34) & 90/2 in 30 overs, Target 417 (K Maheep Kumar 42, Revanth Reddy 25)

At SDNRW Ground: Himachal Pradesh: (O/n: 447/6): 515/8 in 158.2 overs decl (Ankush Bains 109, Ankit Kalsi 214 n.o., Ekant Sen 72, Prince Thakur 48; Bhargav Bhatt 3-129, Mahesh Pithiya 3-125) lead by 270 runs against Baroda: 245/5 in 75 overs (Jyotsnil Singh 104 n.o., Ninad Rathwa 56; Arpit Guleria 2-31)

At Alur 3: KSCA Secretary's XI: 315 all out lead by 121 runs against Assam: 140 all out & 54/2 in 33.1 overs

At Alur 2: Maharashtra: 136 all out & 127/2 in 43 overs trail by 70 runs to Goa: 333 all out

At RSI: Gujarat: 262 all out lead by 40 runs against Mumbai: 222/6 in 75 overs

At Alur 1: Tripura: 314 all out lead by 145 runs against Chhattisgarh: 169/1 in 55 overs

At BGS: Vidarbha: 383 all out in 110.5 overs lead by 192 runs against KSCA President's XI 191/7 in 57 overs

Magnetic wins main event

MYSURU RESULTS

Darius Byramji-trained Magnetic and ridden by Trevor Patel won the Dennis & Yvonne Jarvis Memorial Cup, the feature event of the races on Thursday.

1. Shivakashi Plate - 1200M: Just Blues (KV Sridhara) Arvind Kumar 1; Eye The Mind (Imran) 2; Fashionista (Pavan) 3; City Of Hustle (Hasib Alam) 4; Wb: 2-1/2, 1L, Snk. T: 1:12.11. TB: Surender. Fav: Just Blues.

2. MS Suresh Memorial Trophy (Div II) -1400M: Klimt (Anil Saraf) Antony Raj1 1; Klimt (Dhanu Deora) 2; Sapient (Abhishek Mhatre) 3; Il Volo (Vivek) 4; Wb: 2, 1-1/4, 2-1/2L. T: 1:23.85. TB: M Rajendra Singh. Fav: Kilimt.

3. Regency Gold Plate (Div II) - 1200M: Noble Cause (M Venkatesh) Alex Rozario 1; Chisox (Suhas) 2; Abnegator (G Mann) 3; Meghann (Laxman Singh) 4; NR: Golden Beast. Wb: 1-3/4, 6-1/4, 1-1/4L. T: 1:11.69. TB: Dominic. Fav: Noble Cause.

4. MS Sures Memorial Trophy (Div I) - 1400M: Power Of Gold (CN Devayya) Antony Raj 1; Eternal Glory (Trevor Patel) 2; Ladylion (Robert) 3; Serdar (Alex Rozario) 4; Wb: 9-1/4, Lnk, 1/2L. T: 1:23.15. TB: Pradeep Annaiah. Fav: Power Of Gold.

5. Dennis & Yvonne Jarvis Memorial Cup - 1600M: Magnetic (Miss Ameeta Mehra) Trevor Patel 1; Kanya Rashi (Antony Raj) 2; Confident Game (Hindu Singh) 3; Forseti (Alex Rozario) 4; Wb: 3-3/4, 1-1/4, 3/4L,. T: 1:35.45. TB: Darius Byramji. Fav: Magnetic.

6. Regency Gold Plate (Div I) - 1200M: Ziva (Laksham Gowda) Suhas 1; Mark One (Prabhu Kumar) 2; Moana (Pavan) 3; Able One (Asirvatham) 4; Wb: Lnk, 4-1/4, 1/2L. T: 1:11.49. TB: Lokanath. Fav: Ziva.

7. Talakadu Plate - 1400M: Cloudy Hills (Rajendran) Mukesh Kumar 1; One Diamond (Faiz) 2; Sarvottam (C Umesh) 3; Money Exchange (Ayaz Khan) 4; Wb: 7-1/4, 1-1/4, 3/4L. T: 1:24.01. TB: Aashay Doctor. Fav: Money Exchange.

Bengaluru dividends

I race: Rs 18w; 18, 13, 12p; Fc: Rs 177; Q: Rs 129; Shp: Rs 56; Thp: Rs 34; Tri: Rs 354 & 97; Ex: Rs 1,482 & 787. **II race:** Rs 25w; Rs 10, 10, 17p; Fc: Rs 42; Q: Rs 17; Shp: Rs 34; Thp: Rs 29; Tri: Rs 109 & 75; Ex: Rs 279 & 130. **III race:** Rs 15w; 11, 21, 29p; Fc: Rs 88; Q: Rs 75; Shp: Rs 50; Thp: Rs 68; Tri: Rs 449 & 298; Ex: Rs 2,314 & 522. **IV race:** Rs 14w; 10, 18, 60p; Fc: Rs 16; Q: Rs 16; Shp: Rs 18; Thp: Rs 114; Tri: Rs 247 & 225. Ex: Rs 1,072 & 427. **V race:** Rs 13w; 10,, 12, 16p; Fc: Rs 22; Q: Rs 19; Shp: Rs 19; Thp: Rs 30; Tri: Rs 35 & 27; Ex: Rs 97 & 50. **VI race:** Rs 20w; 11, 32, 12p; Fc: Rs 175; Q: Rs 140; Shp: Rs 82; Thp: Rs 49; Tri: Rs 506 & 134; Ex: Rs 1,436 & 813. **VII race:** Rs 52w; 14, 17,23p; Fc: Rs 188; Q: Rs 87; Shp: Rs 37; Thp: Rs 57; Tri: Rs 871 & 428; Ex: Rs 1,741 & 430. **Jackpot:** Rs 312 (1051). **Runner-up:** Rs 37 (3816). **I treble:** Rs 64 (117). **II treble:** Rs 159 (190).

Magnetar for feature

MYSURU SELECTIONS

Magnetar, from the stables of Aravind Ganapathy and ridden by Akshay Kumar, will garner the maximum support in the the FK Irani Memorial Million, the feature event of the races to be run over a sprint on Friday. The first race starts at 2:30 pm.

1. Paddock Plate - 1400M: Warrior Woman 1, D Admiral 2, Seductive 3.

2. Secunderabad Plate - 1100M: Raffles 1, Chiraag 2, Emeraldo 3.

3. Police Trophy - 1200M: Creative Girl 1, Bountiful Beauty 2, The Golden Sunrise 3.

4. FK Irani Memorial Million 2025 - 1200M: Magnetar 1, Midnight Blue 2, Splendid Dream 3.

5. MW Chinappa Memorial Trophy - 1200M: Jersey King 1, Knotty Blush 2, Pneuma 3.

6. Jog Falls Plate - 1600M: Tolkien 1, Supreme Success 2, Thrill Of Brazil 3.

Day's best: Tolkien. **Jackpot:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. **I treble:** 1, 2, 3. **II treble:** 4, 5, 6.

CRICKET DULEEP TROPHY

Central send South spinning

Saransh, Kartikeya share nine wickets as Patidar's men take control

VIGNESH BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU, DHNS

KUMAR KARTIKEYA
Central Zone bowler

"I want to play (for India) but I should not be talking about the selection. I don't know if I deserve to be picked but if there's one thing that is certain, it is my mindset. Whenever I get a chance to bowl, I want to pick wickets. I only try to control what's in my hands. I try to focus on my skillset and try to give my best.

Batting failures come in different forms, shapes and sizes. On Thursday, at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence on the outskirts of the City, it was on a flat surface that did not have much to offer for the bowlers.

Central Zone's Saransh Jain and Kumar Kartikeya exposed South's batting vulnerabilities as they were skittled for 149 in 63 overs on the opening day to gain control of the Duleep Trophy final.

After spinning out South, Danish Malewar (28 not out) and Akshay Wadkar (20 not out) were at the crease at stumps, trailing the hosts by 99 runs.

On a day where the CZ bowlers pulled the strings, especially the spinners, their openers impressed with intent and temperament to see the day through.

Earlier, Central skipper Rajat Patidar called it right and opted to have a bowl with some cloud cover and cool breeze, despite the 22-yard strip at the CoE being a bat-first wicket.

The spinners got some bite out of the surface but it was more of South batters' frailties that ignited the first-innings collapse.

Saransh finished with 5 for 49 for the day, bringing the South Zone batting to their knees. However, it was his team-mate Kartikeya who smelled blood early on and sparked the fire.

The spin duo, sharp and disciplined, made the most of what was available and only had to keep putting the ball in the right areas and await the bounty.

Kartikeya, who was drafted into the squad for Harsh Dubey, looked to scratch the outside edge on a consistent basis but his first breakthrough when he cleaned up Mohit Kale for 9, after frustrating him to play across the line.

He continued to arrest the momentum with dots and then had Karnataka's R Smaran caught at short mid-wicket cheaply for 1. South Zone pressed the self-destruction button when a decently set Tanmay Agarwal was run out after a collision with Ricky Bhui.

The 27-year-old then produced a delivery that would run through Mohammed Azharudeen's mind till he bats again: drifting on middle stump, then slowly going past his outside edge to take the off stump.

Saransh provided good support, bowling tight lines and later trapping Ricky Bhui in front for 15. He then sent Andre Siddarth packing for just 12.

Salman Nizar valiantly tried to counter attack his way through the spin web but fell shortly to Saransh for 24.

The No. 8 Ankit Sharma provided a bit of resistance but the tail did not wag further as the hosts were bowled out for 149 and will now play catch-up for the rest of the first innings.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH ZONE: Tanmay Agarwal (run out) 31 (76b, 3x4), Mohit Kale b Kartikeya 9 (50b), Smaran Ravichandran c Saransh b Kartikeya 1 (19b), Ricky Bhui lbw Saransh 15 (53b, 2x4), Mohammed Azharuddeen b Kartikeya 4 (9b), Salman Nizar c Patidar b Saransh 24 (52b, 2x4, 1x6), Andre Siddarth C st Upendra b Saransh 12 (19b, 1x4), Ankit Sharma lbw Saransh 20 (64b, 2x4), Gurjapneeth Singh lbw Kartikeya 2 (13b), Nidheesh c & b Saransh 12 (13b, 1x4), V Koushik (not out) 2 (13b). Extras (B-8, LB-6, NB-3) 17. **TOTAL (all out, 63 overs) 149.**

Fall of wickets: 1-27 (Kale), 2-35 (Smaran), 3-47 (Tanmay), 4-57 (Azharuddeen), 5-65 (Bhui), 6-97 (Siddarth), 7-116 (Salman), 8-129 (Gurjapneeth), 9-142 (Nidheesh)

Bowling: Chahar 6-1-11-0, Thakare 4-2-7-0, Sen 8-3-15-0, Kartikeya 21-1-53-4, Saransh 24-2-49-5.

CENTRAL ZONE: Danish Malewar 28 (batting) (64b, 3x4), Akshay Wadkar 20 (batting) (52b, 3x4). Extras (NB-2) 2. **TOTAL (for no loss, 19 overs) 50.**

Bowling: Gurjapneet 4-1-21-0, Ankit 8-1-22-0, Nidheesh 3-1-6-0, Koushik 4-3-1-0.

Central Zone spinners Kumar Kartikeya (left) and Saransh Jain picked up four and five wickets respectively to bamboozle South Zone on the opening day of the Duleep Trophy final at the BCCI's CoE ground in Bengaluru on Thursday. PRASHANTH HG/ DH PHOTO

Teen Gatha enters pre-quarters

GWANGJU (SOUTH KOREA), PTI: India's most decorated archer Deepika Kumari once again failed to rise above her familiar inconsistency, crashing out in the round of 32 at the World Championships here on Thursday, while 15-year-old Gatha Khadake shone bright to become the lone recurve archer from the country in pre-quarterfinals.

Despite being pre-seeded into the third round after a sixth-place finish in qualification, the four-time Olympian Deepika was outshot by Indonesia's unheralded Diananda Choirunisa in a five-setter.

All eyes will now be on Friday's round of 16, where Gatha faces the toughest challenge of her budding career against the reigning Paris Olympic champion and world No. 1 Lim Si-hyeon.

The nerves were all too familiar for the former world No 1 Deepika who has failed to win a medal from multiple Olympics.

Deepika began poorly with a 25 against Diananda's 27 to trail 0-2. She recovered in the second with a 28 to level 2-2 as her rival faltered, but consistency deserted her again.

Shooters draw blank again

NINGBO (CHINA), PTI: Indian shooters' medal-less campaign in the ISSF World Cup here continued on Thursday with the likes of Divyansh Singh Panwar, Umamahesh Maddineni and Rahi Sarnabot bowing out in the qualifications.

Italy's Danilo Sollazzo, who finished second behind India's Rudrankksh Patil in the Cairo World Championship in 2022 and was fifth in the Paris Olympics last year, shattered the men's 10m air rifle finals world record on competition day three of the rifle/pistol World Cup stage in the Chinese city.

Danilo shot 255.0 in the men's air rifle final to relegate the home favourite, reigning Olympic champion and the very man whose record he broke, Sheng Lihao, to silver. Danilo shattered the Chinese ace's record by 0.5 points.

Chelsea charged over alleged breaches of agent rules

LONDON, AFP: Chelsea were charged by the Football Association on Thursday with 74 alleged breaches of rules related to payments to agents between 2009 and 2022.

The FA said the charges primarily relate to the period between the 2010/11 and 2015/16 seasons. The Premier League club has until September 19 to respond.

Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich transformed Chelsea's fortunes after buying the west London club in 2003.

He sold the Blues in May 2022 to a consortium led by American investor Todd Boehly and private equity firm Clearlake Capital. Chelsea issued a statement saying the club were "pleased to confirm that its engagement with the FA concerning matters that were self-reported by the club is now reaching a conclusion".

"The club's ownership group completed its purchase of the club on May 30, 2022," the statement said.

"During a thorough due diligence process prior to completion of the purchase, the ownership group became aware of potentially incomplete financial reporting concerning historical transactions and other potential breaches of FA rules."

BWF to test time-clock system

NEW DELHI, PTI: In a bid to add more pace to badminton matches, the sport's global governing body (BWF) has approved the testing of a time-clock system at select World Tour tournaments starting in 2026 that would require shuttlers to be ready for play within 25 seconds of a completed rally.

At its Council meeting on August 29, BWF confirmed that the first official enforcement trials will begin during Week 47 of this year (Nov 18–23) at select BWF World Tour tournaments. These trials will continue and expand through 2026, when the system will be tested more broadly.

K'taka's Ayush stuns Naraoka

HONG KONG, PTI

Rising Indian shuttler Ayush Shetty caused a major upset at the Hong Kong Open Super 500 badminton tournament on Thursday, ousting 2023 World Championships silver medallist Kodai Naraoka of Japan in a hard-fought three-game contest to storm into the men's singles quarterfinals.

The 20-year-old from Karnataka, who clinched the US Open Super 300 title in June, showcased his aggressive style and superior court coverage to outplay the former world No. 2 Japanese shuttler 21-19, 12-21, 21-14. Ayush will face Lakshya Sen, his compatriot and companion at Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy, in the quarterfinals.

Ayush Shetty

Earlier, Lakshya reached his first men's singles quarterfinal of a top BWF World Tour event in six months, while Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty fought back from a game down to beat Thailand's Chaloempon Sukphun and Nanthakarn Teeraratsakul 18-21, 21-15, 21-11 in the men's doubles round of 16.

Former world championships bronze medallist Lakshya, ranked 20th, rallied past compatriot HS Prannoy 15-21 21-18 21-10 in the second round.

The 23-year-old Lakshya, who finished fourth at the Paris Olympics, has battled injuries and patchy form this season. He last made the semis at the All England Super 1000 in March and reached the same stage at the Macau Open Super 300.

In men's doubles, world no. 9 Satwik and Chirag, fresh from their second World Championships bronze in Paris, will next face Malaysia's Junaidi Arif and Roy King Yap.

A bronze medallist at the 2023 BWF World Junior Championships Ayush has been in fine form over the past year, having also reached the final of the 2023 Odisha Masters and finishing runner-up at events in Bahrain and the Netherlands across 2023 and 2024.

Chinese players celebrate after scoring a goal against India in the Women's Asia Cup in Hangzhou on Thursday. X

China hand India their first defeat

HANGZHOU (CHINA), PTI

A wasteful Indian women's hockey team suffered its first defeat of the Asia Cup, going down 1-4 to hosts China in a Super 4s match here on Thursday.

Mumtaz Khan (38') netted India's lone goal, while Zou Meirong (4', 56'), Chen Yang (31') and Tan Jinzhuang (47') struck for the hosts. India, who struggled with finishing and failed to convert any of their three penalty corners, will next play against Japan on Friday in their third match of the Super4s, looking for a win to secure a spot in the final and clash again with the hosts for the coveted title.

It was a lively first quarter with both sides attacking the circles and creating good opportunities. However, it was China who secured the opening goal early on.

In the 4th minute, India did well to make a good save, but the ball landed in front of Meirong on the rebound, and she tapped it into the empty net. India won their first penalty corner in the 10th minute but couldn't make it past the Chinese rushers.

The second quarter too saw plenty of end-to-end action, but neither side could find the net. In the last five minutes, India increased the tempo of the game as they applied constant pressure on the Chinese defence and controlled possession in search of their first goal.

In the 27th minute, India won another penalty corner, but that too didn't amount to a goal as they headed back into the break a goal behind.

In the very first minute of the third quarter, China increased their lead by getting a fortuitous goal as India gave away the ball in their own circle to an unmarked Yang, who scored with a simple finish. China then won their first penalty corner of the day, but their attempt went wide of the target.

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Due date and time of opening of tenders.	14:30 Hrs. on 03/10/2025	14:30 Hrs on 30/09/2025	14:30 Hrs. on 03/10/2025
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Bangalore University invites applications to fill the vacant seats of P.G. Courses in University Departments, PG Centre, Ramanagara, Govt colleges & Affiliated college for the academic year 2025-26 through the UUCMS Online portal; **https://uucms.karnataka.gov.in/Login/Index/ through offline by downloading application from Bangalore University Website.**

- The last date for applying without penal fee is **15.09.2025** & with penal fee of **Rs.200/- is 16-09-2025.**
- The application fee of **Rs.300/- (Rs.150/- for SC/ST/** Category-I of Karnataka Domicile and transgender candidates only) is payable through **online only,** via payment link provided in the UUCMS platform / through online payment in Bangalore University website.
- For more details about PG admission like seat matrix (course wise vacancy details), Eligibility criteria, etc, please visit the University website; **https://bangaloreuniversity.karnataka.gov.in**

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.
Phone No: 08539 – 222318 email : eepwdkpl2@gmail.com
IFT No. PWD:DK:TR2025-26/2036 Date: 11-09-2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents on http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Portal. Head of Account : Head of Account : KKRDB Macro Social-TSP/2023-24s, KKRDB Macro Social-SCP/2023-24s, KKRDB Macro Social-General & SDP/2023-24s & 5054-State Highway Improvements/ 2024-25. Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on **Phone No. 08539 – 222318** and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 04 Works (Work Indent No: 0147, 0146, 0145 & 22468 / Call-2).** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders **18-09-2025 Time 16.00,** Date and Time for opening of Tenders **20-09-2025 Time 11.00** (Sl.No. 02 & 03) Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid **20-09-2025 Time 16.30** (Sl.No. 01 & 04). Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid **22-09-2025 Time 11.00** (Sl.No. 01 & 04). Minimum & Estimate Maximum Amount **Rs. 38.52** Lakhs & **Rs. 495.00** Lakhs respectively. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Date & Time for Pre-bid meeting, Tender Queries/Clarification, for reservation of category & Other information as mentioned in KPPP Portal. Any changes either in tender date or any other condition tenderers can view in KPPP portal.

Sd/- EE PWD Division,Koppal.
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HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
O/ O Superintending Engineer(Ele),
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Web Site : www.hescom.karnataka.gov.in
E-mail : seehvr.hescom@gmail.com
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) : U31401KA2002SGC030437
No. HESCOM/HVR/Crl.O/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE(O)/AET-1/2025-26/2433 Date : 08 Sep 2025

Short Term Tender Notification
(KPP -Procurement mode only)

The Superintending Engineer (Ele), O&M Circle, HESCOM, Haveri has invited Service tenders vide bid Estimate noas below in O&M Circle Haveri Juridiction.

33/11KV Stations Substation Shift operation & Minor maintenance by providing Shift operators & Helpers : Tender No : HESCOM/2025-26/ SE0577, SE0578, SE0579, SE0580, SE0581, SE0582, SE0583, SE0584 , SE0585, SE0586, SE0587, SE0588, SE0589, SE0590, SE0591, SE0592, SE0593, SE0594, SE0595, SE0596, SE0597, SE0598, SE0599, SE0600, SE0601, SE0602, SE0603, SE0604, SE0605, SE0606, SE0607, SE0608

Last date for receipt of bid document **30.09.2025** Before 16:00 Hrs through KPP-procurement mode only. The detailed bidding documents can be downloaded through KPP-procurement portal web site https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
DIPR/DWD/KSMCA/655/2025-26 O&M Circle, HESCOM, Haveri

ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಎಫ್ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಮಹಾಮಂಡಳ ನಿಯಮಿತ
ಕಹಾಮ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ, ಡಾ: ಎಂ.ಹೆಚ್. ಮರೀಗೌಡ ರಸ್ತೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 029

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸ./ಆಡಳಿತ-8/2025 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.09.2025

ಕಹಾಮದ 2024-25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯ ಸಭಾ ಸೂಚನಾ ಪತ್ರ

ಮಾನ್ಯರೆ,

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಮಹಾಮಂಡಳದ 2024-25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀ. ಟಿ.ಹೆಚ್.ಎಂ. ಕುಮಾರ್, ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ, ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಕಹಾಮ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು ರವರ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.09.2025ರ ಬುಧವಾರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಡಾ: ಎಂ.ಹೆಚ್ ಮರೀಗೌಡ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕಹಾಮ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣದಲ್ಲಿನ ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಲಿ ಸಭಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಸೂಚಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಪೂರಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಅಂಚೆ ಮೂಲಕ ರವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯ ನೋಟೀಸು ತಲುಪದೆ ಇರುವ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಅನುಕೂಲಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಭೆಯ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ತಲುಪದೆ ಇರುವ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇದನ್ನೇ ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಎಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

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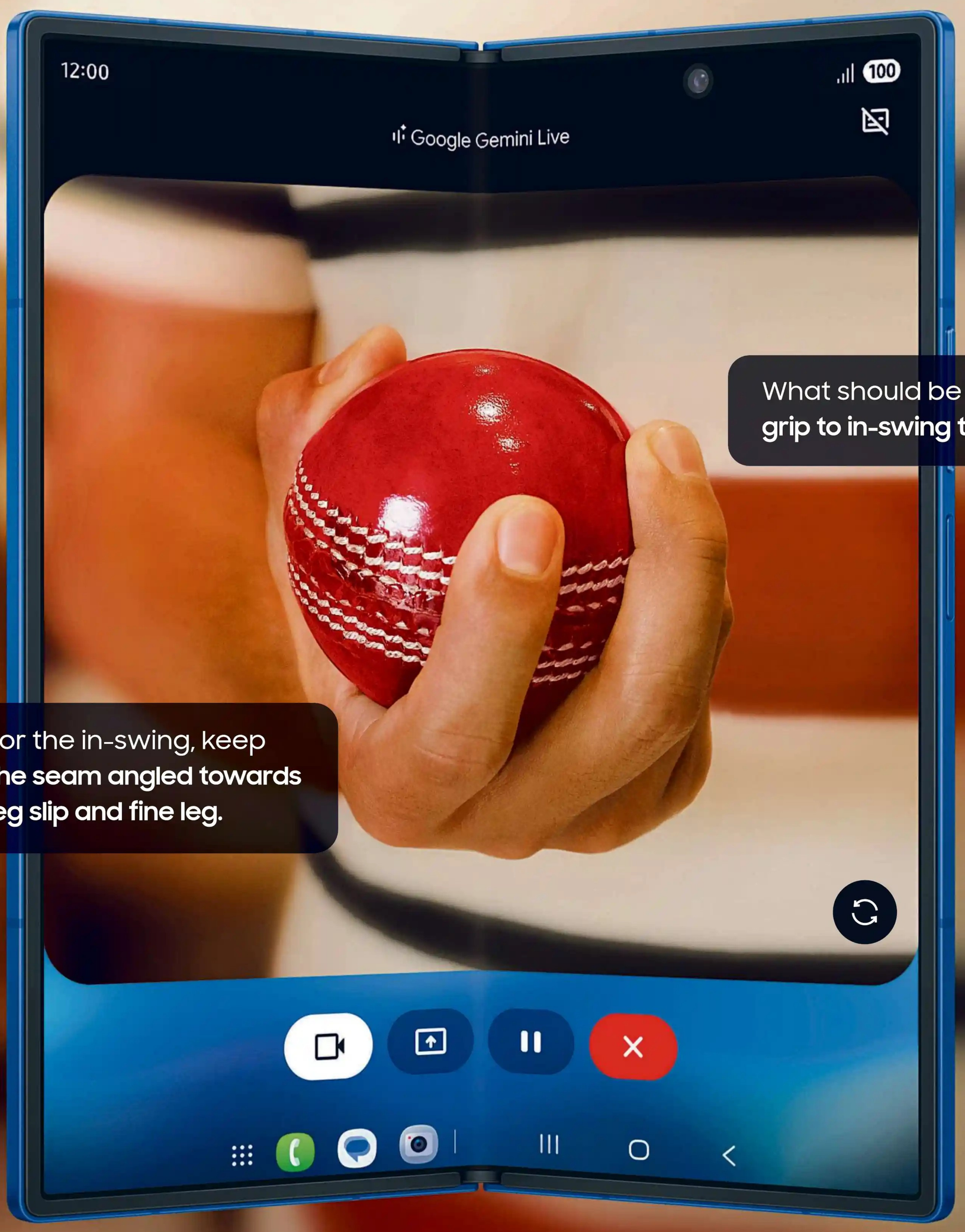
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